



GOOD MORNING

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Gore builds case

Vice president: 'Let people have their say'

The Associated Press

Al Gore defended his unprecedented reach to the courts Monday, declaring "Let the people have their say" by counting every ballot in Florida's make-or-break presidential election. George W. Bush plunged into the work of building a new government even as scattered rank-and-file Democrats warned that Gore's time may be running out.

A day after Bush summoned TV cameras to press for Gore's concession, the vice president laid out his case for letting courts settle America's long-count elec-

tion. "This is America," he said with a forced chuckle. "When votes are cast, we count them. We don't arbitrarily set them aside because it's too difficult to count them."

The prime-time televised address was perhaps Gore's last, best chance to explain why the closest presidential election in 124 years didn't end Sunday night when Florida's top elections officer, a GOP partisan, certified Bush the winner by 537 votes out of 6 million cast.

His support was falling as Gore went on the air.

An overnight poll by

CNN/USA Today/Gallup found that 56 percent of Americans said Gore should concede the election compared to 46 percent who said that last week. An ABC-Washington Post survey found similar results.

Gore protested the results in a Florida state court earlier Monday, becoming the first candidate in U.S. history to contest a presidential election before the judiciary. His lawyers asked for a quick hearing, but may not get one before the end of the week.

And on Friday, the U.S. Supreme Court is set to hear GOP argument against recounts.



Fanny Walker, from Washington, D.C., shouts with other supporters of Vice President Gore before his address at the entrance of his residence, Monday.

The stakes could hardly be higher.

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Craig: Hand recounts are unreliable

By Megan Scully
States News Service

WASHINGTON - In Idaho, the debate over ballot counting was split along party lines on Monday, the day after Texas Gov. George W. Bush was certified as the winner of Florida's 25 electoral votes.

In 1988, however, a manual recount in Florida changed the outcome of a close Senate race in favor of Republican Sen. Connie Mack.

Following this year's close

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Drug debate

Supreme Court will consider medicinal marijuana arguments

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court entered the debate over medical marijuana Monday, agreeing to decide whether the drug can be provided to patients out of "medical necessity" even though federal law makes its distribution a crime.

The justices said they will hear the Clinton administration's effort to bar a California group from providing the drug to seriously ill patients for pain and nausea relief.

A lower court decision allowing the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative to distribute the drug "threatens the government's ability to enforce the federal drug laws," government lawyers said.

But the California group says that for some patients, marijuana is "the only medicine that has proven effective in relieving their conditions or symptoms."

The group's lawyer, Annette P. Carnegie, said Monday the federal Controlled Substances Act does not prohibit the distribution of marijuana for medical reasons.

"Those choices, we believe, are best made by physicians and not by the government," she said. Marijuana has been effective in relieving nausea in cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, weight loss in HIV-positive patients and in reducing pain, she said.

Eight states in addition to California have medical-marijuana laws in place or approved by voters: Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Maine, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Colorado. Residents of Washington, D.C., voted in 1998 to allow the medical use of marijuana, but Congress blocked the measure from becoming law.

FACE PROTECTION



Sisters Lucy, right, and Marianne Pothier used their backpacks for shelter during their walk home in the rain after school from Sawtooth Elementary Monday.

Activists suggest dairy regs

TF commissioners question feasibility

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They are calling it a 12-step plan, and two local activists hope it will rehabilitate the county's dairy problems.

But Twin Falls County commissioners commended Bill Chisholm and Mike Ihler for their noble intentions, but question the plan's feasibility.

"What they don't understand is that there are laws we have to follow," Commissioner Gary Grindstaff said.

County commissioners Monday met with Chisholm and Ihler to discuss the plan, which includes 12 actions to help reduce the effects of dairies on county residents.

The plan includes limiting the size of dairies, disbanding and reforming the county's livestock ordinance review committee and shutting down dairies that don't comply with state and local odor standards.

"I recognize that these are a lot of things to look at," Chisholm said at Monday's standing-room-only meeting. "But the election for county commissioner really told us that the people of Twin Falls County want to find a solution to the dairy problem."

Grindstaff narrowly beat Chisholm in the election for the commission seat earlier this month.

The commissioners agreed the plan has some good points, including trying to control the cows in the county, but they already have been working on some of the same proposed actions, Commissioner Marvin Hempleman said - including culling cows.

And trying to enforce some of the proposed rules, such as dairy expansion limitations, may not

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What's hot, what's not? Parents search out popular toys

The Washington Post

Hopping up and down, 7-year-old Brendan Gates considered the question carefully: Which of the 22 toys did he like best?

Hop, hop. A tiny cog in a multi-million-dollar marketing machine designed to send children and parents running after the hot Christmas toys, Brendan and other children at a Washington after-school center were testing for Duracell Inc., which makes batteries.

Hop, hop. "The snake," he said, pointing to Slithering Jake the Remote Controlled Snake. "And Max Steel," hero of an animated television series. Hop, hop. And then he ran off to grab something new.

Every year comes a bombardment of information about the sea-

'Hot toys do not necessarily mean the best sellers. Hot toys are the ones that the parents want to buy today that are not in the store.'

- David Leibowitz, toy fan

son's hot toys, those super-sellers that disappear from the shelves and drive parents to desperation. The advertising, the popularity tests of Duracell, the movie tie-ins the endless lists of top toys - all are part of a hype machine aimed at commanding a precious moment or two of the mass media's attention during the holiday season, which accounts for more than half of the industry's

annual \$30 billion in sales.

"Hot toys do not necessarily mean the best sellers," said David S. Leibowitz, a managing director for Burnham Securities and long-time student of the toy industry. "Hot toys are the ones that the parents want to buy today that are not in the store."

Whenever there is a shortage of a particular toy at the holidays, you'll get different interpretations of the situation from toy makers and parents. And the toys in short supply will get a lot of publicity.

Manufacturers will say they were caught off guard, they couldn't get more (fill-in-the-blank) made in time for Christmas, they would rather be selling more toys than suffering the demands of a nationwide shortage. Or they'll blame retailers for not ordering the toys early enough.



Felicia Leavitt, background left, shops for the latest toys as her 6-month-old twins, Angeline, left, and Joscelynn, sit in their stroller at the Auburn Mall in Auburn, Mass. Parents and children are scrambling to find the most popular toys this holiday season.

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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IDAHO

Idaho Extremes Yesterday:

High 48°	Low 16°
Low 16°	Hottest

Missoula 33/17
Boise 42/22
Pocatello 35/21
Twin Falls 40/28

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Twin Falls from 6 p.m. yesterday

Temperature	48°/37°
Normal	42°/24°
Record high	49° in 1999
Record low	2° in 1993

Precipitation 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.01"
Month to date: 0.17"
Normal month to date: 1.10"
Year to date: 1.32"
Normal year to date: 9.25"

Humidity Yesterday at noon: 76%
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.08 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls
Grass Absent
Weeds Absent
Trees Absent

Source: Astoria and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Patchy fog; partly sunny.	Partly cloudy.	Mostly cloudy; some rain late.	Clouds, some sun; light shower.	Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers.	Mostly cloudy with rain possible.
▲ 40°	▼ 28°	▲ 46° ▼ 34°	▲ 46° ▼ 30°	▲ 44° ▼ 32°	▲ 44° ▼ 28°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: A few spots will start this morning with low clouds or fog; otherwise, partly sunny today. Clouds will increase in the west tonight, clearing to partly cloudy in the east.

Boise: Patchy fog or low clouds for a times this morning, then a mixture of sunshine and clouds today. Becoming cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow; some rain, mainly during the afternoon.

Northern Nevada: Dry weather will be the rule across northern Nevada today with a mixture of sunshine and clouds. Becoming cloudy tonight with rain and snow possible late in the west. Some rain and snow tomorrow.

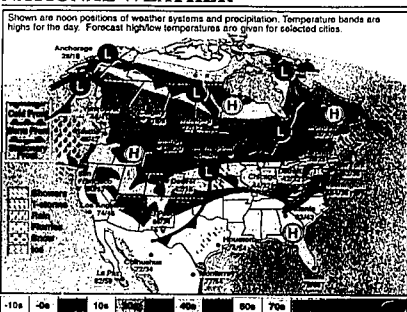
Northern Utah: Patchy fog or low clouds or fog early; otherwise, partly to mostly sunny across northern Utah today. Partly cloudy tonight with patchy fog. Turning out cloudy tomorrow with afternoon rain and snow.

Northern Idaho: Patchy fog or low clouds in some valleys locales this morning; otherwise, partly sunny today. Clouds will increase tonight with rain and snow possible late. There will be some rain and snow tomorrow.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 80° in Hamot, CA Low 4° in Shoshoni, WY

NATIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Boise	42 32	46 34
Bonners Ferry	34 28	30 33
Burley	41 29	46 35
Coeur d'Alene	34 28	40 32
Elko	47 25	40 34
Eugene, OR	48 34	52 40
Hagerman	41 29	47 35
Idaho Falls	34 18	40 34
Kalispell, MT	34 22	33 30
Lowell	34 25	46 38
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Malta	34 25	37 20

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Counts

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presidential race, Republicans oppose the manual recount, while Democrats are calling for a manual count of ballots rejected by machines.

Ballot counting machines, while far from perfect, yield more accurate vote tallies than hand counts, said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, on Monday. Craig, a Bush supporter, said ballot counters might miscount their political views into hand counts, yielding incorrect totals.

Carolyn Boyce, chairwoman of the Idaho Democratic Party, disagreed with Craig's assessment. Boyce said the presence of representatives from both parties during the manual ballot counts prevented volunteers from demonstrating their partisan preference.

Election

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"If the people do not in the end choose me, so be it," Gore said standing at a presidential-style lectern before a dozen American flags in the vice presidential residence. "The outcome will have been fair, and the people will have spoken."

"If they choose me, so be it. I would then commit to bringing this country together. But, whatever the outcome, let the people have their say, and let us listen," Gore said, hours after Democratic leaders and President Clinton queued up to show their support.

With the agonizing close election stretching into its fourth week, neither side appeared ready to give way in a fierce struggle that has engaged the judiciary in the business of pres-

"Every one of those hand-counted ballots had a Democrat and a Republican sitting right there," she said.

According to the ballot totals certified Sunday by Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, Bush won the state's electoral votes by a mere 537 votes out of more than 6 million cast.

Vice President Al Gore, his Democrat opponent, has challenged the result.

Democrats have questioned the accuracy of ballot counting machines since Election Day, prompting volunteers in Florida to pore over thousands of disputed ballots to determine a winner in the pivotal state.

Craig said he agreed with concerns over the machines, stating that several votes may not have been counted because they were

bent, improperly marked or otherwise misread by voters. Still, Craig said that the totals generated by the machines would determine the election more accurately than those produced by volunteers.

"The machine process is not perfect, but it is impartial and does not establish prejudice," Craig said. "You cannot program it in a Democrat or a Republican state of mind."

Boyce pointed out the 1988 Florida manual recount that turned the election to Mack's favor.

"Senator Craig needs to be reminded that Connie Mack would not be in the Senate if not for the recount that changed the vote," she said.

Gore's camp has challenged Harris' decision to certify the elec-

tion in Leon County Circuit Court, claiming that more than 10,000 uncounted ballots in Miami-Dade County could swing the election in the vice president's favor. The county canceled its manual recount last week after deciding volunteers would be unable to meet the Nov. 26 deadline.

Gore supporters have pushed for a complete manual recount in Miami-Dade County and Palm Beach County, whose manual totals were discarded when it missed the deadline by two hours. They say it is the key to determining an accurate outcome of the election.

While Boyce said she thought there was a good chance that manual recounts would show that Gore won Florida's electoral votes, she said she would support any outcome in a fair election.

future date if the next administration is not allowed to prepare to take the reins of government," Cheney said.

Gore believes he would overtake Bush if the final tally would include recounted ballots that were rejected by Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris — minus the 174 votes added to Bush's lead during what Democrats claim was an illegal, eleventh-hour scramble for GOP ballots, including military votes from overseas.

The vice president faces a tough legal fight — persuading a court to overturn a certified election — and an electorate with limited patience.

That is why Democrats plan to step up their public relations campaign Tuesday, putting forward Florida voters who say they feared their votes for Gore were not counted.

"A vote is not just a piece of paper," Gore said in the television speech. "A vote is a human voice — a statement of human principle, and we must not let those voices be silenced."

Dairy

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hold up in court, commissioners said.

A pending lawsuit, filed by Chisholm and several other residents against the county earlier this year, must be resolved before the commissioners said they can take a serious look at the 12-step plan.

The lawsuit asks that the court shut down Hank Hagfliger's and Pete De Groot's dairies south of Filer. A District Court hearing has been set for Dec. 18.

Hagfliger has been working on order problems at his dairy — problems that have rallied angry neighbors.

De Groot's dairy is in the final stages of construction.

Bill Crafton, county planning and zoning director, said Monday that parts of the Chisholm and Ihler plan, but he agreed that figuring out the number of cows was a good idea.

Lewis Eilers, executive director of the Idaho Dayman's Association, offered a different view.

County officials have created a mess for themselves and county residents by bowing to Chisholm and other activists' wants, Eilers said. He agreed that there have been problems with local dairies, including Hagfliger's.

But the laws on the books are good, Eilers said. Chisholm and Ihler just want to kick dairies out of the county.

"I'm not justifying Hank's odor," Eilers said. "But I am getting sick and tired of playing Bill Chisholm's game. He has been anti-business and anti-progress his whole life. The dairy industry will adjust. The ordinance that's out there was a good ordinance."

It's unlikely that more dairies will come to the county, especially after all the local unrest, he said.

No new dairies have submitted applications, Crafton said recently.

And that's too bad, considering the amount they contribute to the local economy, Eilers said. Magic Valley dairies produced milk worth \$5.7 million last year, according to the association.

"If you don't want the economic base, all you got to do is say so and the dairies will go somewhere else," Eilers said. "There are places you could build dairies in this county where they wouldn't harm nothing. How many more can we use, I don't know. But (Grindstaff) made some promises that he won't be able to keep."

Despite losing to Grindstaff, Chisholm, a longtime local activist, said the loss was still a victory because his campaign brought the dairy issue to the forefront.

Chisholm is not against dairies, he said. But dairies should be classified as agricultural or industrial and should be regulated depending on that classification.

And he intends to hold county leaders to their promises to resolve the dairy problems.

Just weeks before the November election, the county commissioners extended a three-month moratorium on livestock operations until next month — a move that was regarded by some as a political tactic.

But Grindstaff and Commissioner Bill Brockman said the latest moratorium, set to expire early next year, will stay in place until next year's state and local laws take effect and local problems are resolved.

CANADIAN CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Calgary	18 10	14 10
Chenabook	25 15	21 15
Edmonton	20 11	27 21
Kelowna	35 28	40 30
Lebanon	31 21	38 24
Regina	22 9	29 15
Saskatoon	32 28	29 16
Toronto	39 25	35 24
Vancouver	48 41	40 41
Victoria	48 42	48 43
Winnipeg	27 12	28 11

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Acapulco	91 75	91 76
Athens	58 49	55 47
Auckland	63 55	58 52
Bangkok	81 74	80 75
Beijing	46 36	46 28
Berlin	46 45	59 48
Buenos Aires	77 59	73 61
Cairo	70 50	70 49
Hong Kong	80 65	80 69
Jerusalem	64 43	61 40
London	96 65	79 68
Los Angeles	57 54	59 44
Moscow	72 48	72 40
Paris	20 12	22 18
Rio de Janeiro	55 48	57 45
Rome	59 48	67 50
Seoul	44 30	48 38
Singapore	77 59	73 61
Tokyo	48 30	48 39
Warsaw	41 36	48 45
Zurich	52 43	55 41

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	63 43	69 32
Baltimore	54 32	50 37
Birmingham	57 42	60 28
Boston	50 37	47 34
Charlotte, NC	64 45	70 39
Charleston, WV	54 36	53 33
Chicago	44 32	38 26
Cincinnati	42 31	43 29
Denver	42 18	53 24
Des Moines	40 27	39 19
Detroit	42 32	44 30
El Paso	66 34	67 34
Fairbanks	2 8	-2 13
Fort Worth	62 48	63 48
Honolulu	80 65	78 64
Houston	74 54	70 36
Indianapolis	43 36	42 30
Jacksonville	71 42	73 39
Kansas City	49 28	47 22
Las Vegas	66 44	67 44
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St. Paul	33 23	33 16
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dential politics, threatening to spill past the Dec. 12 deadline for selecting state electors.

Bush spokesman Ari Fleischer said Gore's address offered nothing new to the nation.

It was just unfortunately not given Americans the picture of what took place," Fleischer said. Bush watched Gore's address in the governor's mansion, while his top aides gathered at campaign headquarters to see it.

The Texas governor moved quickly to take on the work, if not the title, of president-elect. Running mate Dick Cheney criticized the Clinton-Gore administration for refusing Bush access to \$5.3 million in government transi-

tion funds and a federal office building set aside for the presidential changeover. He announced the Bush team would raise donations to finance its own operation.

"This is regrettable because we believe the government has an obligation to honor the certifiable results of an election," Cheney said at a Washington news conference, naming an executive director and press secretary for the transition team.

In the sort of juxtaposition that has been a hallmark of this ever-shifting election dispute, Cheney's news conference got underway just as lawyers gathered in a Florida court room to discuss Gore's election protest.

Cable TV viewers saw history in the making, split screen. Cheney took a swipe at Gore for not dropping out, as the Bush team sought to rush the vice president from the race before the courts have an opportunity to renew recounts.

Gore is "still unwilling to accept the outcome. That is unfortunate in light of the penalty that may have to be paid at some

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Microsoft lambasts fed judge

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to keep its business intact, Microsoft filed legal briefs Monday alleging the federal judge who ordered its breakup compromised the "appearance of impartiality."

In its first filing with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, which now has custody of the landmark case, Microsoft lambasted U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson as a biased judge who thrust himself into the dispute rather than resolve it impartially.

"By repeatedly commenting on the merits of the case in the press," the company's brief argued, "the district judge has cast himself in the public's eye as a participant in the controversy, thereby compromising the appearance of impartiality, if not demonstrating actual bias against Microsoft."

A spokeswoman for Jackson said the judge had no comment on Microsoft's statements.

"Believe me, I have no grudge against Microsoft," Jackson said in an interview with The Washington Post just days after his June ruling. But in the interview, rare for a federal judge, he said he had little choice but to accept the government's breakup proposal.

And in a speech to an antitrust conference in New York in late September, Jackson said his order was a last resort forced by the company's unwillingness to make changes voluntarily.

Microsoft on Monday asked the appellate court to overturn Jackson's order in June that the company be broken into two parts. If the higher court calls for a new trial, Microsoft wants someone other than Jackson to preside.

Monday's brief was the latest volley in a long-running battle that could result in the largest government-ordered restructuring since the AT&T breakup in 1984.

Microsoft's brief asked the federal appeals court to find that Jackson was wrong in concluding that the software giant was an unfair monopoly, and reverse his breakup order.

"The case went away from the outset," said company spokesman Vivek Varma, "and our appeal provides a comprehensive picture of why Microsoft should win this case."

Said Justice Department spokeswoman Gina Talamona: "The judgment is well supported by the evidence offered during a 78-day trial, including thousands of pages of Microsoft's own documents. We are confident in our case and look forward to presenting it to the Court of Appeals."

Microsoft said its "competitive response" to the rise of widespread Internet use, and Web browser rival Netscape, "produced enormous consumer benefits" and did not illegally conquer its market, as the government charged.

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Traffic congestion, weather don't slow holiday travel

The Associated Press

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though the Air Transport Association expected a record 2.24 million passengers to take to the skies Sunday. No actual figures were available Monday.

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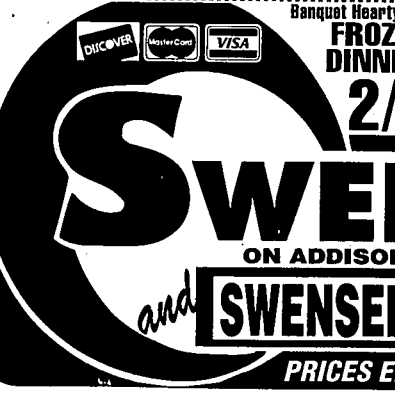
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Cheney laments decision to not release transition funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney said Monday it was "regrettable" the government won't release taxpayer transition money for a George W. Bush administration. He said the GOP ticket will raise private funds to proceed.

"We are going to get on with the business of the transition," Bush's running mate said at a news conference.

Referring to a Democratic challenge to Bush's certified victory in make-or-break Florida, Cheney said that Democratic Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Joseph Lieberman are apparently still unwilling to accept the outcome.

"That is unfortunate in light of the penalty that may have to be paid at some future date if the next administration is not allowed to prepare to take the reins of government," he said.

Cheney's appearance was part of a public relations struggle played out during the day, the Gore campaign attempting to show Democratic solidarity and the Bush team attempting to dis-



Dick Cheney

credit the vice president's challenge of the Florida certification.

Cheney, only a few days removed from a mild heart attack, named the first two staff appointments to Bush's transition team, and said Cabinet appointments were possible in the next several days, but not certain.

He said Bush had named Ari Fleischer, a campaign spokesman, to assume those duties for his transition, and that gubernatorial chief of staff Clay Johnson would also move over.

Cheney made his remarks on the afternoon after Bush named him to serve as head of the transition team, and after the General Services Administration refused to make official transition space available, saying its hands were tied as long as the outcome of the election was in doubt.

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The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a public workshop concerning Intermountain Gas Company's request for a rate increase to offset the higher costs the company must pay to purchase natural gas supplies.

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EDITORIAL

It's need, not greed for Intermountain Gas

Few people like to see their utility bills go up 27 percent. Even fewer like to see it happen twice in one year.

As a result, we expect to hear some discouraging words at tonight's public hearing on the Intermountain Gas Co.'s latest request to hike its rates. Public opposition is inevitable when ratepayers are asked to comment on the prospect of paying higher rates.

If approved, the rate hike would boost monthly gas bills for residential customers this winter around \$7 to 62 percent over last winter's bills. For commercial customers, it would be a 68 percent increase over last winter's bills.

That sounds like a lot, but opponents should walk a mile in the shoes of Intermountain Gas. The utility is getting higher bills from its suppliers, so naturally it needs to pass along its higher costs to the ultimate consumers. Here's a key fact: Approval of this request won't increase the profits of Intermountain Gas.

Don't take our word for it. The Idaho Public Utilities Commission, which is hardly a rubber stamp for the utilities it regulates, would keep a careful eye on who gets the extra money.

The context here is that natural gas prices have been artificially low for years. They are finally being pushed

upward to conform with the inescapable laws of free-market economics. And as the price of natural gas climbs, consumers will have some choices to make.

They can press harder while writing bigger checks to Intermountain Gas. Or they can try to save money by turning down their thermostats and water heaters. Or they can save money by insulating their homes and water heaters. Or they can stop doing business with Intermountain Gas and heat their homes with wood or electricity or oil.

In short, consumers are free to react to higher prices in a wide variety of ways. But any business, even a publicly regulated utility, should be allowed to raise its rates as operating costs rise.

There's a deeper lesson here, one that strikes to the very heart of American life. This country is, by far, the world's greatest consumer of energy - and supply is precariously balanced against supply. Every time protesters challenge plans for a new oil refinery, or new transmission lines, or a rate hike, they are trying to undermine the supply of energy.

Meeting the energy demands of a voracious nation requires sacrifice from those who consume energy and support for those who supply it.

Listen, then speak

A public information session on the Intermountain Gas Co.'s rate hike request will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at Cavanaugh Canyon Springs Hotel in Twin Falls. A public hearing will follow at 8 p.m.

The Times-News

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The members of the editorial board and writers of editorials are Stephen Hartigan, William Brock, Clark Walworth, Steve Cump, Kevin Richert and Dan Fields.

LETTERS

Vandalism is costly to the victims

Mailboxes and Times-News boxes have been taking a hit for the past six weeks or so. This is not a new fad but is prevalent all over the Magic Valley.

Halloween furnished the weapon. I have picked up an estimated 150 pounds of pumpkin scraps just in my area. Other weapons include baseball bats, hammers, etc. The vandals doing this destruction probably are not aware that this is a federal offense.

If and when these people are apprehended, part of their punishment should require restitution to the victims for \$100 or more per incident.

I have filed a formal complaint with the Twin Falls County Sheriff.

I encourage everyone to keep their eyes and ears open to help identify the culprits.

KENNETH H. POE
Twin Falls

Administration cutbacks necessary

I have written letters to the editor criticizing the editor's stand on education and educators many times. However, I agree with your editorial concerning reduction of school administrators if reductions become necessary again. It is strange, but almost everyone in the various groups I associate with feels the same way.

The first thing that I learned in Public School Administration 101 was that the most important element in education is the classroom teacher. Most teachers can achieve classroom success without the administrator. As a matter of fact, sometimes the administration hinders classroom teaching and learning.

To Terrell Donicht, I proudly can say in administration it is not what the "state salary allotment allows" that counts but what is necessary.

PAUL E. OSTYN
Twin Falls

When the line between politics and law grows dangerously thin

The grand civics lesson of the past two weeks has introduced the whole nation to the deepest secret of our constitutional life: There is no line between law and politics.

Each campaign - for Al Gore and George W. Bush are still campaigning - ritualistically claims that it wants nothing more than "the rule of law," and each side accuses the other of subverting law for the sake of politics. One says the Florida secretary of state is acting to carry out her legal duties; the other, that she is acting as the co-chair of the Florida

Bush campaign, brazenly trying to seal the election for her candidate. One says the Florida Supreme Court is the final authority on the rule of law; the other, that it is another political institution whose members were appointed by Democratic governors.

PAUL W. KAHN

Everyone involved in the process - the election boards, the vote counters, the lawyers, the candidates - appeals to law and is accused of politics.

Ever since the legal realists of the 1930s argued that the U.S. Supreme Court's rejection of the New Deal in the name of law was only politics by another name, constitutional law professors have been teaching their introductory classes that the line between law and politics is illusory.

Now, that knowledge has escaped the academy and threatens to subvert our faith in the rule of law.

The rule of law is our national myth. We must believe the myth if we are to overcome our political disagreements.

We need a point of reconciliation beyond the political disputes. That point is our faith in law, and the institutional locus of that faith is the U.S. Supreme Court. To be sure, we can always find the politician behind the robes of the justice, just as we can always find the man behind the robes of the priest. But faith prevents us from lifting the robe. It limits our vision to a set of symbols.

It is the Supreme Court's role to preserve this national myth. When the court speaks, it speaks in the name of the sovereign people.

When it presents us to the Constitution, it purports only to hold up a mirror to the people. Its legitimacy comes not from its knowledge of legal science nor from the justices' political appointments, but from the capacity to persuade us that the rule of law is the rule of the people. At that moment, we overcome the divide between law and politics.

This is not fact, but faith - our civic religion. Neither law nor politics defines us as a nation; rather this faith in a popular sovereign who appears only in and through the rule of law. We know that political beliefs are inseparable from legal views. Just think of our largest constitutional battles.

Does the Constitution mandate a color-blind legal system? A woman's right to choose? A limited role for the federal government? These are issues of race, sex and community. No one really believes that law has been made explicit in appeals to Democratic donors for the funds to carry on the contest. If it were simply an exercise in civics, why

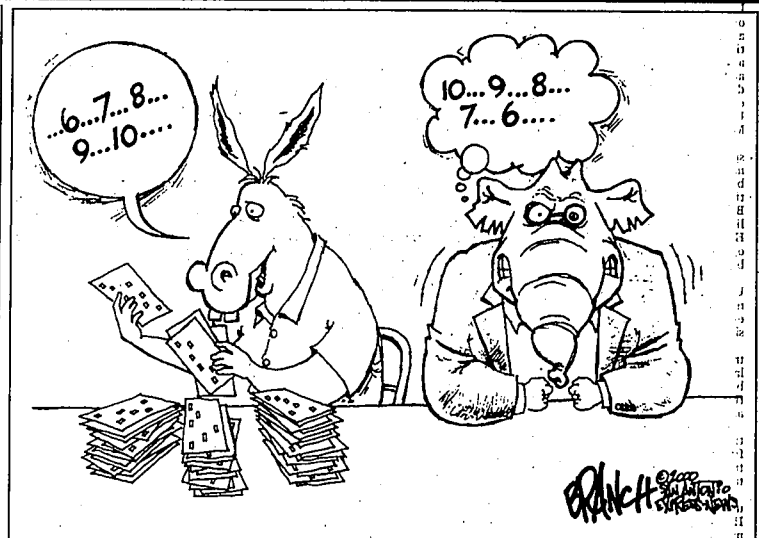
This faith sets the structure of our grand national debates. Each side must claim the support of law, because in and through law it claims the right to speak

for the people.

Each side must accuse the other of subverting the law and thus subverting the people. Politics in its local and ordinary form is set off from law; ordinary politics can have an air of illegitimacy about it, even in our democracy. Thus, the bizarre accusation that each side is "politicizing" an election. This claim makes sense only when we see that the call to law is a call to a faith in a higher politics.

This is the greatest danger of the present moment: The rule of law will lose its foundation as a national faith of the people. Law's rule will be seen as no more than another face of ordinary politics.

Paul W. Kahn is a professor at Yale Law School and author of "The Reign of Law." He wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.



Telling the truth at the top

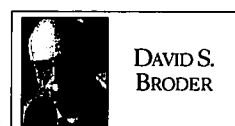
You have to sympathize with Al Gore and George W. Bush. The missteps both have committed during the endless days of the Long Count Election result from pressures few of us can even imagine.

Neither the vice president nor the Texas governor is the intentionally self-deluded kind of candidate you encounter every campaign year - the man or woman in an utterly hopeless contest, with no money or organization and with no armor except a sublime self-confidence that somehow he or she will prevail over a popular incumbent. In presidential campaigns, the psychological insulation that pushes a Bob Dole into a frantic 96-hour closing drive against Bill Clinton, or sends a Walter Mondale out day after day against Ronald Reagan, is admirable if odd. But that is not what has sustained Gore or Bush these past three weeks since Election Day.

Each of them was told on election night by what he had every right to believe was an authoritative source that he had been elected president - only to see that ultimate prize of American politics snatched away. The television networks on the evening of Nov. 7 awarded Gore victories in the battleground states of Florida, Pennsylvania and Michigan - the combination that both Republicans and Democrats knew constituted a winning hand. Then they recanted on Florida.

Early on Nov. 8, Bush actually received a concession phone call from his opponent, only to have Gore withdraw it an hour later when the numbers in Florida shifted again.

To imagine what they have been going through, put yourself into this scenario: A cherished member of your family has disappeared - a spouse, a parent



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or child. She did not arrive at your home when she was due and hours later, you report her missing to the police. Time passes and there is no word of her whereabouts. Then the phone rings and a police dispatcher says, "We've found her and we're bringing her home." An hour later, another call: "Sorry, the woman we located is not your missing person."

Any of us might crack up at that point. Given the circumstances, Gore and Bush have been remarkably rational and restrained. But both of them have failed the nation in important ways.

The most important is in truth-telling. From the beginning, Gore has insisted that his only purpose is to get every vote counted, to ascertain accurately "the will of the people." Time and again, he and his running mate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, have maintained, as Lieberman put it Sunday night, that "we do not know who will prevail after a full and fair count of every legally cast ballot," but are acting simply to maintain "the integrity of our self-government."

Everyone knows their pursuit of additional votes in three heavily Democratic counties in south Florida is motivated by a belief they can overturn Bush's margin. The goal has been made explicit in appeals to Democratic donors for the funds to carry on the contest. If it were simply an exercise in civics, why

choose those particular counties - and not the rest of the state?

On Bush's side, his impatience has shown in his repeated claims that the election was over, even while permissible legal challenges remained unsettled. He was criticized - and properly - for staging an Oval Office scene down in Texas, where he and his vice presidential choice, Richard Cheney, began transition talks barely a day into the automatic recount of Florida votes.

On Sunday night, relying on the certification of Florida votes by a Republican-dominated state canvassing board, Bush told the nation that he and Cheney were "honored and humbled" to win the election" and called on the Clinton administration to start working with his representatives on the transition to a new government.

Clearly, Bush's claim to have won is stronger than Gore's, who has yet to lead in any Florida tally. But clearly, too, the election is not over - if only because the U.S. Supreme Court on Friday will hold a hearing on Bush's own challenge to the Florida vote-counting process.

As former Clinton White House chief of staff Leon Panetta told me Sunday night, Bush "got an edge with the certification, and at a moment when he could have been magnanimous, he was not. He could have said, 'I will continue to work with Secretary Cheney on our plans, but I realize there are still fights ahead of us in the Supreme Court and the Florida courts.' That is the truth, but neither of these candidates wants to tell us the truth."

That is a terrible mistake. Whoever becomes president is going to need the trust of the American people.

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U.S. keeps out of Haitian elections

WASHINGTON (AP) - The United States did not send observers or provide electoral assistance to support presidential elections in Haiti because authorities there had refused to address "serious irregularities" dating from legislative and local elections six months ago, the U.S. State Department said.

Monday
A brief statement by spokesman Philip Reeker did not mention the name of the probable winner of the Sunday elections, former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, nor did it outline future prospects for U.S.-Haitian relations. All major opposition parties boycotted the balloting.

• Congress recently banned any U.S. assistance from being channeled through the Haitian government, codifying an existing situation.

The administration has been treating Haiti like a charity case lately, supporting programs run by private voluntary organizations in health, education and agriculture.

Reeker suggested that U.S. ties to Haiti would continue to focus on people-to-people relations as opposed to official contacts.

"The United States will continue to engage and support the Haitian people in pursuing our mutual interests which include strengthening democracy."

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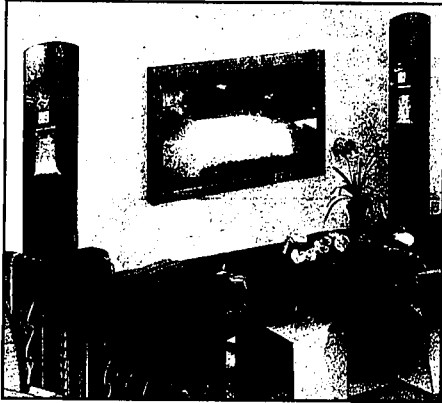
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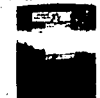
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Rollover near Nevada border injures one

JACKPOT, Nev. - A 52-year-old Montana man was taken by air ambulance Monday to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise after a rollover on U.S. Highway 93 near Jackpot, Nev., according to an Idaho State Police report.

William E. Cassels was partially ejected from the 1990 GMC Jimmy he was driving. The rollover occurred at about noon just one mile north of the Nevada border. The accident was still under investigation late Monday.

Cassels was still under evaluation at Saint Alphonsus late Monday afternoon, a hospital spokesman said. Cassels, who was not wearing a seat belt, sustained head injuries.

Accident on I-84 near Wendell injures couple

WENDELL - Two Utah newlyweds were injured Monday after their vehicle rolled on Interstate 84 near Wendell, Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough said.

Michael S. Carrier, 22, apparently fell asleep at the wheel while driving eastbound at about 4 p.m. near milepost 152, Gough said. He and his wife, Crystal Carrier, were both wearing seat belts.

The couple was taken by Life Flight air ambulance to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise, so Michael Carrier could be placed under observation for an apparent head injury, Gough said.

Man faces kidnapping, attempted murder charges

JACKPOT, Nev. - One man was arraigned Monday on multiple felony charges in connection with an alleged kidnapping and armed standoff with deputies Friday in Jackpot, Nev., Elko County Under Sheriff Steve Bishop said.

Colofado resident Bret McKeehan, 25, was arraigned on charges of kidnapping, burglary, attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon, Bishop said.

McKeehan, also wanted on a Colorado warrant, was held on \$200,000 bond.

Benjamin Mandulice, 21, also of Colorado, will likely be arraigned today on the same charges and was held on \$70,000 bond, Bishop said.

Mandulice and McKeehan are charged with breaking into the mobile home of a Jackpot woman and holding her at knife point. Bishop Monday would not release the woman's name.

Deputies say the woman was taken to Cactus Pines Casino, and her attackers tried to force her to cash a check. When deputies came to the casino, one man held a handgun to the sheriff's neck, Elko County Sheriff Neil Harris said Saturday.

When deputies went to the woman's trailer, a second man shot at them through the trailer's wall and started a fire in the trailer before trying to escape.

Apparent quake hits west of Hagerman

HAGERMAN - An apparent minor earthquake, reported west of Hagerman at about noon Monday, was felt in Hagerman, Wendell and Jerome, according to a report from the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

The apparent quake lasted less than a minute, according to SR-200MM, the area's 911 dispatch center, which had no details about where it was centered.

The U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center Monday evening listed no information on any Idaho earthquake on its Internet page, which is updated regularly.

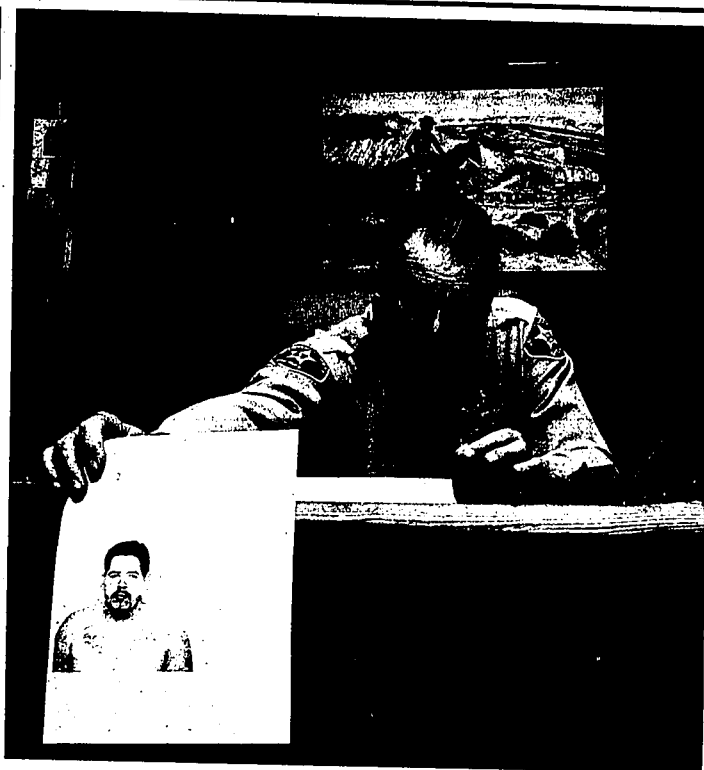
Police say American Falls man walked into car

TWIN FALLS - An American Falls man suffered slight injuries, and was later cited, after being struck late Sunday by a car near the intersection of Locust Street and Kimberly Road, according to Twin Falls police.

Billie Palmer, 34, was trying to cross Kimberly Road at about 8 p.m. when he stepped in front of a car driven by Rodney Butterworth, 63, of Rupert, Twin Falls police Sgt. Mike Covington said.

Palmer suffered some slight bruising. He was cited on a count of crossing a street outside the crosswalk, Covington said.

Compiled from staff reports



Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver holds a photo of Monty Ray Boston, who escaped last Thursday from the Jerome County Jail.

Hospital releases jailer

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

JEROME - Leads were still scarce Monday in the search for a man who escaped last week from the Jerome County Jail.

There is evidence that Monty Ray Boston, 23, is or was recently in the Boise area, Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said.

Meanwhile, a jailer, whom Weaver said was severely beaten as Boston and two other inmates escaped, was back home from the hospital.

Weaver Monday would not release the jailer's name, but said the deputy suffered "one of the worst beatings I've ever seen."

The deputy was alone in the

Leads seem scarce in search for escapee

basement section of the jail Nov. 23 when he escorted Boston out of a cell, Weaver said. As Boston was being returned to the cell, he attacked the jailer. Inmates Frank Rodasta, 29 and Antonio Alvarez, 18, joined in the attack, Weaver said.

The jailer was beaten in a laundry room, out of the view of the jail's surveillance cameras, Weaver said. He would not say if it is standard procedure to have only one jailer in the basement section, but said the beating and the circumstances leading up to it were being investigated.

Boston and the others took the jailer's keys and used them to

open a door on the south side of the Jerome County Courthouse, which houses the jail, Weaver said.

Rodasta and Alvarez surrendered to deputies Friday.

An Izusu Trooper thought to have been driven by Boston after the escape was pulled over by police recently in Boise, Weaver said. After an investigation, the Trooper's owner was cleared of any wrongdoing, Weaver said.

A Geo Metro also thought to have been used by Boston was found in Boise, but that car's owner was also cleared, Weaver said.

Weaver said he's counting on the public to help catch Boston.

Monty Ray Boston

Boston, 23, is 5 feet, 11 inches tall and weighs 200 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and a tattoo across his chest that says, "Confessing a Feeling." He is considered to be extremely dangerous. Anybody with information about Boston may call 324-8845 during business hours or 735-1911.

"If you see him, do not try to contact him or make eye contact with him. Be the best witness you can and call law enforcement as soon as you can,"

Times-News reporter Mark Heinz can be reached at 733-0931, ext. 238 or by e-mail at mheinz@mag-icvalley.com

Officials offer reward in wolf shooting

BOISE (AP) - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is offering a reward after a male wolf that has wandered through central Idaho was found shot to death in Camas County.

The wolf, known as B-57, was dead for several weeks before being recovered in the Willow Creek drainage near a popular hunting road.

"We are currently investigating several promising leads in

this case," Fish and Wildlife special agent Paul Weyland said. "The killing of an animal protected under the Endangered Species Act is punishable by a fine of up to \$100,000 and one year in jail."

The 3-year-old male was an extremely large black wolf weighing more than 130 pounds. He had dispersed from the Thunder Mountain pack near McCall and recently joined the

Smokey Mountain pack in the Fairfield area.

The Nez Perce Tribe's aerial monitoring indicated he last was seen alive on Nov. 7. The Defenders of Wildlife conservation group has contributed an additional \$2,000 to the reward fund.

"Whoever did this isn't just a criminal, but a coward to boot," said Bob Ferris, the group's vice president. "Defenders of

Wildlife hopes the additional \$2,000 reward we are offering leads to the speedy arrest and conviction of the perpetrator."

The service asks anyone with information about the shooting or noted suspicious behavior in the Willow-Beaver Creek areas between Nov. 7 and last Thursday to call U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be reached at (208)378-5243 or (208)378-5333.

Drivers buckle up for holiday

More ISP troopers
patrolled highways over
Thanksgiving weekend

By Brandon Fiala
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Most Magic Valley drivers buckled their seat belts for Thanksgiving weekend travel, which saw dry roads and possibly fewer than expected car accidents.

The Idaho State Police had four extra troopers patrolling Interstate 84 and U.S. Highway 93 Saturday to crack down on drivers who weren't wearing seat belts or didn't have children in safety seats.

"Overall, I'm pleased with seat belt usage," ISP Lt. Rob Storm said Monday. "Judging from reports coming in today, it seems it was a fairly smooth holiday as far as crashes."

There was one fatal car accident last week on a county road, he said.

The seat-belt patrol stopped 133 cars, resulting in seven seat-belt citations, two child-restraint citations, 49 speeding tickets, 57 warnings for speeding and others.

The number of seat belt citations was low, Storm said. Troopers wrote 14 seat-belt citations in October and 12 in September, he said.

Winter weather and Thanksgiving travel may have boosted seat belt usage.

People driving in winter weather tend to buckle up more often than in good weather, and people driving longer distances also buckle up more often, Storm said.

Seat belt patrols are important because south-central Idaho had the state's lowest seat belt usage rate in 1999 - 42.2 percent to 57.9 percent, said Sherry Garay, program coordinator for the Idaho Transportation Department, Office of Highway Safety.

Nationwide, about 70 percent of people wear seat belts, Garay said.

"It's critical that we improve our rate," she said.

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Court releases Burley man from custody

The Times-News

BURLEY - A Burley man charged last week with attempted murder, in connection with an attack reported by his son-in-law - is free on bond.

Mariano Umama, 51, of Burley was charged Thursday with one count of attempted murder and one count of using a deadly weapon. He was released from custody Friday on a \$25,000 surety bond, according to court documents.

A no-contact order was placed on Umama, ordering him to maintain his distance from his son-in-law, Jessie Juarez Jr., Rupert.

Juarez, 24, told police Thursday afternoon he had just been threatened by a man with a gun at a residence on the 600 block of Conant Avenue in Burley, according to a sworn affidavit signed by Cassia County sheriff's deputy Don Green.

Juarez told police a man drove up to the home in a red pickup truck, pointed a gun at Juarez's head, cocked the trigger and said he wanted to shoot Juarez, the affidavit said.

One of the people Juarez was visiting reportedly grabbed the gun and told the attacker to leave, the affidavit said. Before the attacker left, he threatened to kill Juarez later, the affidavit said.

Deputies later went to Umama's home, arrested him and removed from his pickup truck a 38-caliber gun loaded with five rounds of slugs, the affidavit said.



Larry Duff, a 8th Judicial District magistrate judge in Minidoka County, holds questions from Idaho Judicial Council members Dennis Davis, left, a Coeur d'Alene lawyer, and Idaho Community Foundation president Alice Hennessey. Duff was interviewing Monday for a district judge's job in Minidoka County.

Randy Stoker, a Twin Falls attorney, had been scheduled to interview. Burley attorney Kent Jensen

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Raymundo Pena and Randy Stoker

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Buhl district considers replacing current standardized tests

By Mary Lou Potts

Times-News correspondent

BUHL—School district officials are considering replacing the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Test of Achievement and Proficiency tests.

Officials last week said they are

considering achievement level tests by Northwest Evaluation Association of Portland, Ore. Superintendent Rick Hill said the tests would grow in student achievement.

The achievement level tests are aligned with local curriculum and

state standards. Students would take tests that are tailored to their current achievement level, and show what they know and can do.

The Iowa test and the TAP are given in the fall, but the achievement level tests can be administered spring and fall. The tests

are not timed, but should take most students about an hour per subject.

Test results are design- to measure student progress, and Northwest Evaluation Association provides class, grade, school, district and parent reports. Teachers will use this information to focus

on classroom instruction and help pinpoint areas where extra attention is needed.

Teachers will be able to monitor each student's growth and will also screen students for special education. Title One eligibility and gifted services.

Some district officials will go to

American Falls, where this program is in place, to observe and report to the School Board. The district must get State Board of Education approval to use the new test.

Several Idaho school districts and districts in 24 other states use the testing method, Hill said.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 8 p.m. every day.

JEROME



Carman Colleen Frazier Davis

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Carman Colleen Frazier Davis, beloved wife, sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, went to be with Jesus, Nov. 24, 2000, from her home.

She was born March 3, 1929, on the Frazier farm east of Oak Grove, Ark., the daughter of Shirley Thomas Frazier and Mabel Florence Haynes. When Carman was five she moved with her grandfather, parents and two sisters to Jerome in a Model T Ford truck. She graduated from Jerome High School in 1947. She married Albert Franklin Davis on Aug. 10, 1947.

Over the years she worked as a sales clerk in various Magic Valley businesses. She worked at Kings in Jerome when she was first married and quit there to raise her family of four children. She also worked at Paul's Market in Jerome, at Van's Department Store in Twin Falls, Fabricland of Twin Falls and at the time of her illness at JoAnn's Fabrics in Twin Falls.

During her life, Carman belonged to the Magic Valley Art Guild, the Magic Valley Chorus and the Twin Falls Rock Club. She was a 4-H leader for several years and was an active member of the First Christian Church where she taught Sunday school and worked with the youth group at various church camps and currently was an active member of the Evangelical Free Church in Jerome.

She loved music and loved to sing and her life reflected her love of the Lord. She was also a very accomplished seamstress and each of her grandchildren have one of her special quilts.

Her interests were sewing, gardening, painting landscapes and spending time with her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, Albert F. Davis of 53 years and her five children, Nancy Davis of Jerome, Diana Judith (Joe) Atken of Jerome, Randall (Diane) Davis of Jerome, Kevin (Reba) Davis of Jerome and Timothy Davis of Twin Falls, 16 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers, Howard (Juanita) Frazier of Payette and Jerry (Pat) Frazier of Jerome, three sisters, Doris (Richard) Scott of Dunsmuir, Calif., Elmina (Carl) Peterson of Florence, Ore., and Helen (Don) Jones of Garibaldi, Ore.; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her

parents Shirley Frazier and Mabel Frazier Smith; step-father, James "Pop" Smith; and a sister, Lucille Frazier Barlow.

A celebration and memorial service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Evangelical Free Church located at 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome, with Pastor James Evans officiating.

The family suggests memorials be given to the Boise Christian Children's Home, 3223 N. 36th, Boise, ID 83703 or the Liberty Christian Academy, 821 E. Ave. H, Jerome, ID 83338.

Cremation took place under the direction of Hov-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

TWIN FALLS



Michael Todd Kessler

Michael Todd Kessler passed peacefully from this life after an aneurysm at his home on Thanksgiving morning.

Michael was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Dec. 8, 1950. His family lived in several states before settling in Pomona, Calif. Michael graduated from Pomona High School in 1966 at the age of 16. He studied fine arts for two years in Los Angeles and completed an additional two years of school at Cal-Poly. After college, Michael enlisted in the U.S. Army where he toured with the USO Band.

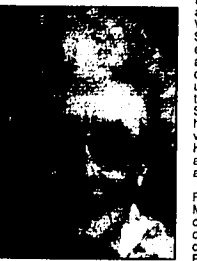
Music became his career and he continued to play music professionally for all of his adult life. Throughout his life, music spoke as the voice of Michael's soul. By the age of ten, he played with his Los Angeles symphony. He mastered most musical instruments, but the enduring vision will be of Michael behind his keyboard. God led Michael to his life's work by directing his passion to Christian music. Michael thanked God every day for allowing him to compose and sing for the Lord through his work as music director at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

Michael loved a woman named Chris, a boy named Sammy and a dog named Sunny. Michael's powerful spirit shined brightest when playing with Sunny. Michael was the first one in the backyard when it came to making tents or building a treehouse. He always added adult sophistication to the project by incorporating things such as a dumb-waiter for bringing refreshments to the treehouse.

Besides Chris and Sammy, Michael is also survived by his father, two brothers and a sister. He will be missed by all of his extended family, which includes his many friends. His joyful spirit lives on through his recordings and compositions.

A celebration of Michael's life will be held with services at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The family suggests memorials be made out to either Immanuel Lutheran Church or Our Savior Lutheran Church with notation, "in memory of Mike Kessler." Memorials will be used to assist in the extension of Kessler Music Ministries.

TWIN FALLS



Hulda C. Wallis

Hulda Wallis went home to her Lord and Savior Sunday morning,

Nov. 26, 2000. She has been a resident of Sun Bridge Nursing Home for the past year and a half.

Hulda was born on Sept. 21, 1905, in the town of Coyle, Oklahoma Territory. In 1930, she and her husband and two small children moved to Flor, Idaho. Four years later, they moved to a farm north of Curlew where they farmed for 39 years before retiring and moving to Twin Falls. She was a very hard working energetic mother and farm wife. She was a clerk for 27 years at M.H. King stores in Twin Falls. First at the store on Main Ave. East and later at the Lynwood Baptist Church.

Hulda is survived by her sons, Donald (Peggy) Wallis of Kent, Washington, and John (Jack) Wallis of Twin Falls; one daughter, Doris (Larry) Moore of Kimberly. Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John Wallis; one sister; her oldest son, Delbert Wallis; her youngest son, Joseph Wallis; and one grandson.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Rev. James Scott of Grace Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call on Thursday morning from 9 a.m. until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given to the Twin Falls Christian Academy or to an organization of your choice. Contributions may be given to Reynolds Funeral Chapel P.O. Box 1142 Twin Falls, Idaho 83303.

Gwynne L. Rammey of Pocatello, Idaho; 51 grandchildren; 144 great-grandchildren; and 44 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; by both husbands; four daughters; one son; one step-daughter; four sisters; and five brothers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2000, at the Declo Falls Center of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 213 West Main Street in Declo, with Bishop Daniel Turner officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery, Heyburn.

Friends may call at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, from 6-8 p.m. and at the state center on Friday from 10-10:45 a.m.

BUHL



Mile B. Davis

Mile B. Davis, 95, of Buhl, Idaho, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at the Ashley Manor-Highmont care center in Boise.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at the First Christian Church in Buhl, Idaho. Interment will be in Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, Idaho. Arrangements by Summers Funeral Homes, Boise Chapel, Boise, Idaho.

He was born on Oct. 5, 1905, in Eureka, Calif., the son of Alva and Lulu Davis. The family moved to Buhl in 1910.

He graduated from Twin Falls High School and attended the University of Idaho. He was employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a farm agent for 13 years and moved to Buhl in 1945 where he was engaged in business and farming until his retirement.

He was an active member of the First Christian Church, Buhl. He married Phyllis Stowell in 1924 in Spokane, Wash. She preceded him in death.

He is survived by three children, Irene (Art) Mondini of Boise, Idaho, Jerry (Marjorie) Davis of Boise, Idaho, Myla (John) Kester of Antonio, Texas; six grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, those who desire may make contributions to Horizon Hospice, 900 N. Linder, Suite C, Meridian, ID, 83642 or the First Christian Church, Buhl, Idaho. Visitation will be held one hour prior to service at the church.



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Cleanup efforts might keep Burning Man at same site

RENO, Nev. (AP)—Burning Man celebrants likely will be allowed to return to the same site in the northern Nevada desert next year after leaving it clean this year, federal officials said Monday.

Terry Reed, field manager of the Bureau of Land Management's Winnemucca office, praised cleanup efforts on the Black Rock Desert after the weeklong counterculture festival, which ended Labor Day.

"I know in general we were quite pleased," he said.

"Certainly, nothing has come up that would cause us to take a different look at the event."

BLM outdoor recreation planner Lynn Clemens predicted organizers would be able to secure a special recreation permit for the same site next year. The site is on BLM land 120 miles north of Reno.

"I see no difficulty of that right now," he said.

More than 26,000 free spirits from at least 40 states and 20 countries took part in the festival billed as a celebration of art and radical self-expression.

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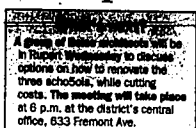
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District wants input on renovation fund issue

By Dan Fields

RUPERT - Officials with the Minidoka County School District are trying to round up about 30 area residents to share their ideas on how the district can raise money to renovate three schools. Once the committee is formed, district secretary Darrell Black said, it will make recommendations on Dec. 18 to the School Board. It will spell out possible fund-raising options for renovations at Minidoka High School and



A group of people are trying to round up about 30 area residents to share their ideas on how the district can raise money to renovate three schools.

Heyburn and Acequia elementary schools.

One option, Black said, is a plant facilities levy that would take place in February 2001. But Black cautioned the levy idea was

just one of many. "Nothing is set. We're still working on it," said Black, who noted the committee would include "patrons, business managers and owners and farmers." If a levy is presented to voters, the dollar amount would be "considerably less" than the \$20 million bond issue that failed in November 1999.

While a bond issue requires a two-thirds majority to pass, the majority needed to pass a plant facilities levy can be 55 percent, 60 percent or two-thirds, depend-

ing on the amount requested. Only 52 percent of voters approved last year's bond issue. A plant facilities levy would be set up so that the board receives money over two to 20 years. The district could borrow against the total, or choose to make improvements slowly, making only the changes possible with cash on hand.

Dan Fields is The Times-News' Mini-Cassia editor. He can be reached at 677-4042 or by e-mail at dfields@magicvalley.com

Utilities commission holds public meetings tonight on natural gas rates

Valley in brief

TWIN FALLS - Southern Idaho residents can learn more about possible natural gas rate hikes, and speak out about the issue.

The Idaho Public Utilities Commission is holding the meetings tonight, to discuss Intermountain Gas Co.'s proposed 27 percent rate increase.

An information session will be held at 7 p.m. at Cavanaugh's Canyon Springs Hotel, 1357 Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls. A public hearing follows at 8 p.m.

The information workshop will offer the public an opportu-

nity to meet with the commission staff and Intermountain Gas representatives and ask questions.

Following the workshop, the commission will hold a formal hearing to gather public testimony.

Sen. Larry Craig's staff hear comments on law

TWIN FALLS - Southern Idaho farmers will have their say today on the 1996 Freedom

to Farm Act, and the effects of the federal law.

Larry Craig's staff will hold three meetings today on the law. At 9 a.m., Craig's staff will visit Glenn Ferry City Hall at 204 E. Second, then at 12:30 p.m. will be in Twin Falls at the Depot Grill at 545 Shoshone S. At 4 p.m., Mini-Cassia farmers will have their say in council chambers at Burley City Hall.

The law was designed to put farmers on a level playing field and help them profit, but has been criticized for falling short of its goals.

— compiled from staff reports

Lawyers disagree about F&G purchase

BOISE (AP) - Deputy Attorney General David High on Monday stood by his criticism of the legislative Office of Performance Evaluations' conclusion that Fish and Game violated state laws in its purchase of a computerized permit system.

High told the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee that the Legislature's approval of funding gave Fish and Game permission to essentially piggyback on the exemption the Idaho Lottery used in obtaining its statewide computer system from the same vendor without going through the regular state purchasing procedures.

"The committee's work is very important. Certainly I don't want our office to be seen as undermining it," High said. "We had to tell it as we saw it."

His defense came after the committee's chairwoman, Republican Rep. Debbie Field of

Boise and Democratic Sen. Marguerite McLaughlin of Orofino, took offense at a characterization of High's analysis as an assault on their oversight.

They also heard from Phillip Oberrecht, a Boise attorney who conducted an analysis under contract for the Office of Performance Evaluations and concluded that its findings were legally sound.

Oberrecht cited Fish and Game's subsequent decision to follow normal state purchasing procedures in establishing its so-called point-of-sale computer system, despite High's contention that the state's purchase of the agency had come to its own conclusion that the law required it to secure its contract independently through the state Division of Purchasing, he said.

"Obviously we're not going to resolve the legal disagreement

here," High replied.

His analysis found that legislative evaluators had ignored state laws, long-accepted principles of legal construction and reviews of both the attorney general's office and the governor's attorneys in concluding that Fish and Game's purchase from GTECH violated state law.

Their report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee in June, High wrote, "fundamentally misunderstands and misstates the process as envisioned by the department and as approved by the Legislature."

In fact, the chief of the attorney general's Civil Litigation Division said, "the claims of illegality levelled at the department are both unjustified and unfair."

The evaluators' report said Fish and Game violated, although unintentionally, state law requiring competitive bidding.

Stanford wins fight against environmentalists

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) - Stanford University won approval Monday of a development plan that keeps open its option to eventually build on grassy foothills nearby, the focus of protests by environmentalists seeking to preserve open space.

Santa Clara County supervisors tentatively approved Stanford's plan to keep 2,000 acres of open space from development for 25

years. But in doing so, they shunted aside a rival plan, backed by environmentalists, to protect half that land for 99 years.

"I think we have been good stewards of the land, better stewards than our neighbors," said Stanford President John Hennessy. "I think we can live with this agreement, and we can continue to prosper."

Environmentalists said the

plan did not go far enough to protect the grassy foothills. They argue the university's plan is not adequate because, if Stanford says it has run out of space under its 10-year plan, the supervisors would vote to allow the university to expand into the hills.

"We're very disappointed with the level of protection," said Denise Dacia of the Committee for Green Foothills.

Seatbelt

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During seat-belt patrols, troopers don't actually stop drivers for not wearing seat belts.

"Idaho's seat belt law is a secondary law for occupants of the front seat of a passenger vehicle, four years and older. This means the law enforcement officers have to stop a vehicle for some other violation such as speeding," said a transportation department news release.

Fourteen states and the District of Columbia have primary seat belt laws, which allow

police officers to stop drivers for not wearing seat belts. States with primary seat belt laws have average seat belt use rates that are 17 percent higher than states with secondary laws, the release said.

The transportation department is neutral as to whether Idaho's primary vs. secondary seat belt laws, Gary said.

"We support enforcement of the laws now on the books, and educate people about the risks of driving without wearing a seat

belt," she said. "A person can reduce their chance for injury or death by 50 percent by wearing a seat belt."

The fine for not wearing a seat belt is \$5. The fine for not buckling in a child is \$60. The ISP has seat belt patrols the fourth Saturday of every month. Federal grant money helps cover the cost of the 10-hour patrols, Storm said.

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Judge

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But withdrew from consideration. Byington and Cushman pointed out the need for standards for courtroom interpreters, noting that discrepancies can put non-English speaking litigants at a disadvantage. But, they said, the problem is solvable.

"It's no different than any other problem," Cushman said. "You just have to reach out."

Byington also said legal professionals need to reach out to those with limited education.

"There is a major difference dealing with the less educated," he said.

As well as providing legal assistance to those who haven't received much schooling, Pena pointed out the need for legal help for people who need it.

"There aren't enough attorneys doing work for people who don't have money," Pena said. "We have to have some access to the courts that goes beyond money. This isn't just for the rich."

This marked the fourth time that Pena has appeared before the Idaho judicial council, which interviews judicial candidates. Despite coming up short the first three times, he was upbeat and optimistic.

"Obviously I wouldn't keep applying if I didn't think I was qualified to be a district judge," he told the council.

Duff, who handles juvenile cases in Mini-Cassia, called for more help from the legal system in dealing with violence and substance abuse.

"If we don't address those two (issues), we're going to lose," he told the council. "If we do, we're going to win."

Independence - the ability to be fair and unbiased by personal relationships - is the most important attribute of a trial judge, Stoker said. With 20 plus years as a sole practitioner, Stoker said he had experience with independence.

Experience as a magistrate

judge would help in a district judge's position, Melanson said.

"I've learned, as a magistrate, to remember that I might be wrong," he said. "You have to make up your mind every day when you go on the bench that you're going to treat people with dignity and respect."

The Idaho Judicial Council - which includes Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Linda Copple Trout and Twin Falls County District Judge Roger Burdick, among others - will select two to four finalists today. Those names will go to Gov. Dirk Kempthorne for consideration.

Hart, who announced his retirement in early September, is slated to step down by Jan. 6, 2001. The new judge will earn \$91,596 a year.

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Commissioners don't like Forest Service proposal

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners are hesitant to agree with the Sawtooth National Forest's preferred alternative for the next 10 to 15 years of forest management.

Of six alternatives, the Forest Service prefers one that would emphasize aggressive restoration, district ranger Pete Peterson told commissioners Monday.

In a meeting to brief county officials on a new Sawtooth forest plan, Peterson said the Forest Service is moving toward restoration rather than maximizing commodity production.

Commissioner Dennis Crane said commissioners are not sold on an option that decreases livestock grazing on public lands.

"We think (the plan) should be used as a tool to manage the resource," commissioner Paul Christensen said.

The Forest Service has proposed the alternative it believes will best restore species, habitat and watersheds. It would reduce grazing and commercial logging, increase timber thinning, road construction and road improvements, and increase road closures.

Luc Forest Service is proposing a 13 percent drop in sheep graz-

ing numbers, and a 6 percent decrease in cattle numbers. Most of the grazing impacts will not be felt in Cassia County, Peterson said.

The impact statement covers draft plans for the Boise and Payette forests as well.

Peterson expects some controversy over plans to close 13.6 miles of roads per year, up from 2.6 miles a year. However, he said some roads are only going to be relocated.

Commissioners will take an official stance once they review the complete plan, which will go through a public comment and revision process. It is slated for approval in December 2001.

Three Magic Valley workshops and presentations in early January will allow the public to have their questions answered before two public hearings later that month.

The workshops will each be from 3 to 8 p.m. Jan. 8 in Twin Falls, Jan. 9 in Burley and Jan. 10 in Ketchum. The hearings will each be from 3 to 8 p.m. Jan. 23 in Twin Falls and Jan. 25 in Ketchum.

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Alarm detects chemical leak

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Vapor from the nerve agent Sarin set off an alarm in the laundry room of the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility where chemical weapons are being destroyed.

Officials on Monday disclosed Saturday's leak, which prompted a laundry worker to don a protective mask.

An air monitor detected the presence of nerve agent vapor for 27 minutes after the alarm went off.

But the whiff of nerve vapor was so diluted it posed no danger to anyone, the chemical depot said in a news release.

Officials agree to improve tag auction

BOISE (AP) - Idaho Fish and Game officials on Monday agreed with recommendations that the agency improve oversight of its bihorm sheep hunting tag auction and lottery programs.

The lucrative annual fund-raiser is administered under contract with the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep. But in a report issued Monday, the legislative Office of Performance Evaluations said Fish and Game had not been reviewing or approving the agency's administrative costs as required by law.

"Things need to be clearer not only to us on the inside, if you will, but to any outside observer," Fish and Game Commission Chairman John Burns of Carmen reported at a meeting of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee.

Evaluators found that although the bihorm sheep tag auction and lottery programs have generated almost \$850,000 for wild sheep management since 1988, Fish and Game had not taken the steps required to ensure it receives its full share of the proceeds.

As a result, the report said, in three of nine years the contractor got to keep more than its documented expenses. It called on Fish and Game to maintain written records of lottery proceeds and develop a formal system for reviewing and approving contractor expenses.

Evaluators also concluded that legal direction on the transfer and re-auctioning of bihorm tags was unclear.

Idaho law allows for the annual auction of one bihorm sheep tag, with no less than 95 percent of proceeds being returned to Fish and Game. But tag was auctioned in 1994, donated back and re-auctioned without the department receiving additional revenue.

The report recommended that Fish and Game consider proposing legislation to clarify legal requirements or take other steps to ensure the agency receives a share of any proceeds generated from the bihorm sheep tag auction.

In addition, the Office of Performance Evaluations found that while Fish and Game has improved coordination and communication with other agencies involved in wildlife disease research, recent changes have not been formalized to help ensure lasting benefits.

Wildlife disease research has existed for years between Fish and Game and the state Department of Agriculture over how \$100,000 a year in Fish and Game license revenue should be spent at the University of Idaho's Caine Veterinary Teaching Center in Caldwell.

DEATH NOTICES

Layne Michael Gallegos

BURLEY - Layne Michael Gallegos, 3-month-old son of Dea Chalene and Michael Gallegos, died Nov. 23, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. A viewing will be held for family and friends from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000.

Luis Morales Sr.

BURLEY - Luis Morales Sr., 90, of Arizona died, Saturday, Nov. 25, 2000, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

Funeral services will be held later this week at Buitron Funeral Home in Laredo, Texas. Local arrangements are under the direction of Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Phyllis Lindsay

BURLEY - Phyllis Lindsay, 76, of Burley died Saturday, Nov. 27, 2000, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Raleigh W. Stevens and Virginia C. Stevens

PAHRUMP, Nev. - Raleigh W. Stevens, 86, of Pahrum, Nev. and formerly of Hagerman, died Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Virginia C. Stevens, 86, of Pahrum, Nevada, died August 3, 2000 in Pahrum, Nev. Cremation arrangements were handled in Nevada. A joint memorial service for Raleigh and

Virginia Stevens will be held in the spring of 2001, the date and time will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements are under the direction of Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Robert Deasy

GOODING - Robert Deasy, 78, a resident of Gooding, died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Clifford 'Cliff' Jones

TWIN FALLS - Clifford 'Cliff' Jones of Twin Falls passed away Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at the Veterans' Medical Center in

Boise, Idaho.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Lois A. Smith

RUPERT - Lois A. Smith, 88, of Rupert died Sunday, Nov. 26, 2000, at her home in Rupert. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2000, at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 806 G St. in Rupert, with Bishop Russell Holladay officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2000, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 6th St. in Rupert, at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday.

SERVICES

Michael "Mike" James Willess of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Rudy Ashenbrenner of Twin Falls, memorial Mass at 11 a.m. today at St. Edward's Catholic Church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Virginia S. Lange of Union, Ore., and formerly of Rupert, Mass. of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church (Loveland Funeral Chapel in LaGrande, Ore.).

Lynn Anne Bell of Kimberly, service at 3 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Vera Elizabeth Dean of Filer, graveside service at 11 a.m.

Wednesday at the Filer Cemetery. Friends may call from 3-5 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Morris Malyon Bridges of Burley, service at 10 a.m. today at the St. Andrew's Ward LDS Church, 200 W. 100 S. Burley. A graveside service will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Shelley, Idaho.

John Joseph Dauven III of Salt Lake City, Utah at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Larkin Mortuary, 260 E. South Temple in Salt Lake City.

Sarah Murriel Hansen Gough of Wendell, service at 11 a.m. today at the Wendell 1st Ward LDS Chapel. Friends and family may call one hour before services at the church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

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Group plans suit over bull trout

Fish and Wildlife
face allegations of
failure to follow law

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Two conservation groups have advised the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service they plan to sue the agency for allegedly failing to follow the law for protecting bull trout under the Endangered Species Act.

Alliance for the Wild Rockies and Friends of the Wild Swan in Montana gave the service the 60-day notice required before it can be sued.

The organizations said the act requires the service to designate critical habitat for a species when it is listed, or to do so within a year of listing if additional research is conducted.

However, the groups said the agency met neither of those dead-

lines.

A spokeswoman for the agency acknowledged it had not complied with the law, since the last listing occurred more than a year ago.

Bull trout populations in the Columbia and Klamath river basins were listed in June 1998, and those in the Jarbridge River basin of northern Nevada in April 1999, the organizations said. Bull trout in the Coastal-Puget Sound and St. Mary-Belly River areas were listed Nov. 1, 1999.

"The legal deadlines established within the Endangered Species Act are clear and mandatory," said Jack Tuoholske, lead attorney for the conservation groups. "Unfortunately, the long, sad history of the bull trout's demise has shown that legal action is the only way to compel the government to provide the legal protections the bull trout is due, and which it so urgently

needs."

Designation of critical habitat is the first step necessary toward actions that will lead to recovery of a species, said Steve Kelly, president of Friends of the Wild Swan.

Miko Wood, lawyer for Alliance for the Wild Rockies, said failure of species to be removed from the endangered list is usually a result of the government not taking the basic step of identifying and protecting habitat crucial to their survival.

Nordstrom said the service is not expending the effort to determine bull trout habitat because all its money and staff are being used to calculate crucial habitat for "higher priority species," such as the piping plover and the Kootenai River white sturgeon.

Barring a court order, the Fish and Wildlife Service probably is years away from determining bull trout habitat, she said.

North Idaho diver gets
handle on invasive weed

SANDPOINT (AP) — Doug Freeland shares a couple of similarities with his archenemy, Eurasian milfoil.

Both like the underwater world, and both are getting around. But the more Freeland gets around, the less likely milfoil will.

Freeland is the coordinator for northern Idaho's fight against milfoil, an underwater weed that chokes lakes and rivers.

"This stuff is exponential," he said. "I want someone finding it early before it gets to be a big problem."

Freeland, 50, took over the job a couple of years ago, and now his influence is growing. His advice is sought by counties in Idaho and Washington, as well as the U.S. Forest Service.

A diver for 34 years, Freeland discovered Eurasian milfoil last summer in Lake Ten-O-Cille. This fall he found it in Payette Lake. The long, spindly weed, with its feathery leaves, spreads easily. Bits and pieces travel by boats and trailers to new lakes or float down rivers to start

new infestations. The first Idaho infestation was discovered by property owners along Spirit Lake in 1998. Freeland was the president of the Spirit Lake Property Owners Association at the time.

Sandy Daniels, Kootenai County weed supervisor, visited one concerned resident to look at the suspected weed and figure out what to do.

"Here comes Doug in his little green boat," Daniels recalled. "He proceeded to be so much help that year. He did some diving. He took people around in his own personal boat. At the end of the year, I said, 'Do you want a job?'"

On his own time, Freeland dove around the lake and mapped its milfoil infestations for Kootenai County. Later, diving would become one of the central tools for controlling the weed.

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Thermal pool burn
victim leaves hospital

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — One of two young men badly burned in a thermal pool in Yellowstone National Park this summer has been released from the hospital. Tyler Montague, 18, went home Saturday.

He and Lance Buchi, also 18, survived immersion in the 178-degree water.

A third person, Sara Huphres, 20, died shortly after the August accident.

Buchi is progressing well but remains in the hospital, according to University of Utah hospital spokesman John Dwan.



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Applauding the music

Twin Falls Music Club scholars continue to sound off in music world

By Heather Abel
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Students who have won Twin Falls Music Club scholarships continue to make their mark in the music world.

In a continued series, following are profiles of where some of those students are now. In addition to winning club major scholarships for college, they also enjoyed the benefits of the many summer camps, the club reports.

Joyce Geyer studied with Marty Mead of Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1971. She attended Arizona State University, studied in New York City and won the National Metropolitan Opera Auditions in 1981. Today, she is one of the leading sopranos in the country, the club reports.

Geyer is an established principal artist at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. During the 1999-2000 season, she appeared in "Le Nozze di Figaro," "Der Rosenkavalier" and in the National Public Television production of "La Cenerentola" (Cinderella), among many other productions.

She has appeared for many years at the Wagner Festival in Bayreuth, Germany and has been guest soloist for the Magic Valley Symphony and conducted vocal workshops over the years to benefit young singers at the College of Southern Idaho, the club reports.

Geyer can be heard on the DDG recordings of "Le Nozze di Figaro," "Parafal" and "Idomeneo," on the Newport Classic recording of "The Devil and Daniel Webster" and "John Philip Sousa's Theatre & Parlor Songs" by

Want to donate?

The Twin Falls Music Club Scholarship Foundation was founded about six years ago. Mildred Hulse of Boise, the grandmother of musician and former scholarship winner Cy Gilbert, donated \$10,000 to start the fund, which is up to \$30,000. Anyone wishing to support the scholarship fund through donations or memorials, call Marty Mead at 733-4678.

Premier Recordings

In the summer of 2000, Geyer will sing Clarice in Haydn's "Il mondo della luna" at Garsington Opera in Oxford, England and has a full fall schedule.



Marty Wright



Wright, then

Marty Wright graduated from Murtaugh High School in 1973. He studied with Sharon Warner from Twin Falls and was a youth soloist with the Magic Valley Symphony while in high school. He earned degrees in vocal performance from Brigham Young University. For nine years, he was choral master of the San Diego Opera Company and has performed all over the world as a singer and conductor.

Currently, Wright is the chief conduc-



Photo courtesy of Twin Falls Music Club

Joyce Geyer, who is a former Twin Falls Music Club scholarship recipient, is now considered one of the leading sopranos in the opera world.

tor of the Netherlands Radio Choir, a full-time, professional, 79-voice choir with a broad repertoire. His schedule includes guest engagements with other choir and opera companies and he still performs occasionally as a vocalist. Wright is responsible for a majority of choir activities, including auditioning, evaluating, training and coaching the singers, preparing them for the performances a capella and with orchestra. This year, he was guest conductor at both the San Diego Comic Opera and the Nevada Opera.

Mark Nelwerth graduated from Kimberly High School in 1975. He studied with Teala Bellini of Twin Falls. He attended the Manhattan School of Music and studied in New York City, where he made his debut at Carnegie Recital in



Mark Nelwerth



Nelwerth, then

1980 and received sensational reviews, the club reports. He performed as a solo pianist, concerto soloist, chamber musician and accompanist. In 1983 and 1985, he was first runner up in the National Federation of Music Clubs Young Artist Competition.

Nelwerth, who now resides in Pocatello, performs regularly with the Sun Valley Summer Symphony, Idaho State Civic Symphony, Salt Lake Symphony, Magic Valley Symphony and Intermountain Chamber Orchestra. He is the founder of Musicians West Inc. and has produced more than 60 concerts in eastern Idaho. He also founded the Musicians West Piano Festival and Competition in 1998.

He teaches a full schedule of private piano lessons and wrote "Handbook for Piano Students" to be published this fall. Nelwerth recently joined the faculty at the Sun Valley Performing Arts Conservatory, teaching piano, theory and ensembles. He will perform the "Emperor" Concerto with the Idaho State Civic Symphony on Dec. 6.

Burley Music Club nurtures talents of others

By Correen Hart
Times-News correspondent

HEYBURN - For the members of the Burley Music Club, the song is everything. This longtime service club works to nurture music and its appreciation until the last diminuendo.

Musical excellence is their goal, President Joy Hurst said.

"To that end, we give scholarships each spring to promising music students," she said. "Last spring, we gave out \$1,300. We also teach music through our annual music festival, which comes just before the tryouts for scholarships."

Hurst is in her second year as president. Music is a big part of her life outside the club. She teaches piano and organ and plays piano for the philanthropic orchestra.

Danielle Coltrin, first vice president, said she is a music club member because she believes in its goals.

"First, as a mother, I would hope to get my children started young in their musical studies. And secondly, as a music teacher, I have read studies that show that students who are involved in

More about the Burley Music Club:

Its goals are to develop musical appreciation, foster local musical talent, sponsor Music Week each year, adhere to national and state organization policies and give service to the community.

If interested in becoming a member, call membership chairman Verlie Burch at 678-7375 or president Joy Hurst at 654-2165. Visitors are welcome at regular meetings.

some sort of music study program develop other skills more quickly. It is important to be well-rounded," Coltrin said.

"Faith in friendship, our music and God keeps us together," member Lillian Jensen added. "And you've got to love music. You can't love that which you don't know."

Music flows in the club meetings. At the October get-together, Harlo Clark of Oakley sang favorite American folk songs, including "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and Stephen Foster selections. Clark has been active in the Oakley Valley Arts Council, Oakley's dedicated theater group. He has also

acted and directed and has a solid background in musical comedy. Upcoming club events include the Dec. 14 Christmas dinner party, with entertainment by a children's choir and a ballet recital by Katrina Buck Jan. 15. In the spring, the Burley Music Club will hold its annual tour of homes. All proceeds are earmarked for the scholarship fund. There will also be a garage sale in April. Anyone may donate goods to be sold.

The club also plans an extravaganza at Howell's Opera House in May. The annual musical evening takes on elements of a variety show as local musicians offer their talents.

Times-News correspondent Correen Hart can be reached through the Mini-Cassia bureau at 677-4042.

Harlo Clark entertains Burley Music Club members at their Oct. 18 meeting. He was accompanied by his sister, Rachel Dillon, on piano. The goal of the club is to nurture musical talents in the community.

CORREEN HART/The Times-News



MORNING COFFEE AND CHAT



MARGARET JONES/The Times-News

A group of Kimberly area men gather at the Fleeta Ole for their morning coffee and exchange of information. The group has gathered each morning for longer than any can remember. They met at the Kimberly Cafe for years until it was sold a few months ago. They didn't want to give up this companionship and started gathering at the Fleeta Ole which agreed to open earlier to accommodate them. Freda Mealer serves refills for the morning group.

LESSONS ON LEARNING



Photo courtesy of LINDA CALDERO

Members of Richfield's sixth-grade class ended a unit on "Learning about Learning" by giving a short play on the subject. The class was divided into three groups. Two groups performed the play, which covered the topics in their recent study about how people learn. The third group acted as judges of the play. The judges dressed for the part and presented their decisions with point cards as though this was an Olympic event.

TWIN FALLS AREA COMMUNITY

Buhl woman writes about Iditarod

ALBION - A speaker at the Iris Better Homes and Garden Club talked Iditarod instead of irises at a recent meeting.

Members learned about the Iditarod Sled Dog Race 2000 in Alaska when Judy Felton of Buhl spoke about the experiences she and her husband, Mike had as volunteers helping with the event for six weeks in February and March. Felton also has written a book about the trip.

The meeting was held in the Albion Grange Hall with Mary Amende, president, hosting.

Felton said she and her husband were finally able to become involved with the event after being interested in it for 10 years. She said they had to apply to be a volunteer.

In 1999, they tried out for a week and were accepted to help this year.

"We told them we were willing to do anything," Felton said. She told about the wide variety of jobs they were given from counting place mats to hauling dog blood samples for testing. They mainly worked on a teacher workshop. They plan to help again next year, she said.

More than 80 mushers and more than 1,000 dogs made this the biggest race since it was started in 1973 to commemorate a 1925 run which brought diphtheria vaccine to Nome to stop an epidemic, Felton said.

This year's purse of \$525,000 was also the biggest in the history of the event. The winner took

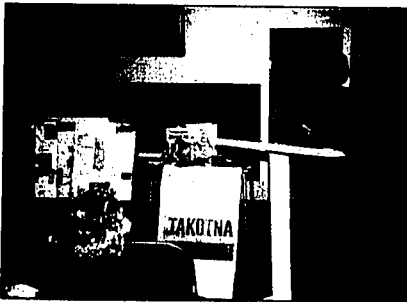


Photo courtesy of MARY LYNN BRIDGES.

Judy Felton of Buhl spoke recently to members of the Iris Better Homes and Garden Club during a meeting at the Albion Grange Hall. She spoke about the Iditarod 2000 Sled Dog Race and the experiences she and her husband, Mike, had as volunteers helping in a wide variety of ways with the event.

home \$50,000.

Felton explained that the 1,049 mile race, which celebrates the Alaskan way of life, starts in Anchorage with a ceremonial run to Eagle River. Many celebrities ride the sleds. The official start is in Wasilla and the finish line is in Nome.

Felton showed a video about the great care given the dogs and another that she had taken of the race. She had several items on display including dog booties and

trail markers.

She also had copies of her book, "Never A Dull Moment," for sale. Ruth Kempton from Albion, a member of the Iris Club, is her mother. Because of her mother's interest in Alaska, Felton wrote journals about her experiences to send to her and others. She was then encouraged to compile them into a book.

The proceeds from the book sales go toward support of the race.

Sonatina Festival.

DeHaan is a member of the Stargazer Dance Company performance team at Nielsen School of Dance in Twin Falls and the American Quarter Horse Youth Association.



Photo courtesy of DeHaan family

Jennifer DeHaan was named the Idaho Dairy Princess by the Idaho Holstein Association.

she is a member of the Spanish Club. She is also a gold cup holder in piano from the Idaho Federation of Music clubs and a first place winner in the Magic Valley

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center

616 Eastland Drive
Dinner served from noon to 12:30 p.m. Suggested donation is \$3 for seniors. The cost is \$4 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Tuesday: Cook's choice
Wednesday: Birthday: Ham w/ raisin sauce, baked beans, Jell-O salad, rolls, cake

Thursday: Meat loaf, potatoes w/ gravy, corn, tossed salad, bread, pears, cookie

Friday: Menu not available
Monday: Menu not available

Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday
Blood pressure from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Craft class
Exercise class
Wednesday
Quilting 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Elks card club at 7 p.m.
Thursday
Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Friday
Activity list not available

Monday
Activity list not available

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St. Buhl
Noon meals served Monday through Friday. Buffet meal at 1 p.m. on Sunday.

Evening meals served at 5:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday. Suggested donations for meals is

weekdays \$2.50, Sundays \$3.50, non-seniors \$4.25 and children under 12-years-old \$2.50. Meals can be delivered Monday through

Friday. Call 543-4577 for more information. Free bus service to and from meals is available

Monday evening, Tuesday at noon and Thursday noon and evening. Please call 543-4577 by 10 a.m. to arrange a ride. Coffee and cinnamon rolls each morning at the Center, everyone is welcome.

Tuesday: Lasagna, green salad, vegetable, French bread, fruit crisp
Wednesday: French dip sandwich, potato salad, green beans, apricots

Thursday: Menu not available
Friday: Menu not available

Sunday: Menu not available
Monday: Menu not available

Activities
Thrift shop open every day. Quilting, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tuesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m.
Treasure Tuesday
Crafts from 2-4 p.m.

Wednesday
Exercises from 7-8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Thursday
Activity list not available
Friday
Activity list not available

Saturday
Activity list not available
Monday
Activity list not available

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer
Dinners served at noon on

Tuesday and Thursday and at 5 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Tuesday: Hamburger w/ bun
Thursday: Birthday dinner: Fried chicken

Ageless Senior Citizens Inc.

310 Main N., Kimberly
Menu and activity list not available

Castleford FFA sells poinsettias for holiday

CASTLEFORD - Poinsettias are being sold by the Castleford Chapter of the Future Farmers of America for the holidays.

The plants are available in a variety of colors, including monochromatic, "jingle bells" and red. The cost is \$10 and poinsettias may be picked up or delivered on Friday.

For more information or to place an order, call Danielle Hoogland, Jill Brubaker or Justin Mink at 537-6511.



The Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers has named Phil Grover as volunteer for the month of October. Grover has been a member of the organization's board of directors for three years and has served as volunteer technical adviser.

Recently, Grover assisted above and beyond the call of duty with its office computer, restoring vital data. For more information, about Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers, call 733-NEED.

Photo courtesy of Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers

DeHaan earns Dairy Princess title

TWIN FALLS - Jennifer DeHaan, the daughter of Harry and Susan DeHaan of Twin Falls, was chosen as Idaho Dairy Princess 2001 at the Idaho State Holstein Association's annual meeting in October.

DeHaan, 16, won with her display project, "Promoting Dairy Through The Decades," which presented an array of dairy advertising from Hopalong Cassidy in the 1950s to the "Got Milk" ads of the 1990s.

Contestants were also judged on a narrative presentation, personality, poise and knowledge of the dairy industry.

Upon winning the title, DeHaan was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Idaho Holstein Association.

DeHaan has been raising and showing registered Holsteins for the past six years. She has won several local and state titles and a junior grand champion title at the Western Spring National Show, her family reports. DeHaan plans to continue raising her own herd of registered Holsteins and show them at the state and national levels. She also was the Holstein Association's "Most Distinguished Junior Member" in 2000.

DeHaan is a junior honor student at Filer High School where

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Twin Falls class of 1950 members gather to chat

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls class of 1950 members will get together for a chat and to stay in touch at 11:30 a.m. Friday at Elmer's Restaurant in Twin Falls.

Centennial commission has lots of activity planned

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Centennial Commission will hold a meeting from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce office on Blue Lakes Boulevard North.

The topics will include a new chairman and job description, press conference in January and project list.

The commission has a new e-mail at twinfalk2004@yahoo.com. Those who would like monthly reminders should give the commission their e-mail address.

American Mothers accepts literature contest entries

TWIN FALLS - Entries for the American Mothers Idaho state literature contest are being accepted. The deadline is Jan. 10, 2001.

There are three categories: poetry, consisting of one poem of 100 lines or less, traditional or free verse; short story, consisting of one story of 2,500 words or less, non-autobiographical; and essay or article, one entry of 1,500 words or less. This should be either a personal or research article based on personal memories, journal writing or formal issues geared toward parenting.

Contestants may enter all three categories but may not submit more than one entry for the same category.

State winners in each category will be entered in the national AMI contest with first place prize of \$400 and second place prize of \$200 to national winners.

Renee Hawkey, Boise, current Idaho mother of the year, won the national literature contest this year.

American Mothers Inc. is an ecumenical nonprofit nationwide organization to strengthen the spiritual and moral foundation of the home. State contests in literature, art and music are held annually to encourage mothers to promote fine arts in their home.

Entries should be sent to Pinnock at 6533 W. 6000 N., Rexburg, ID 83440.

For additional information contact Pinnock or Lorayne O. Smith, district AMI coordinator, at 733-3521.

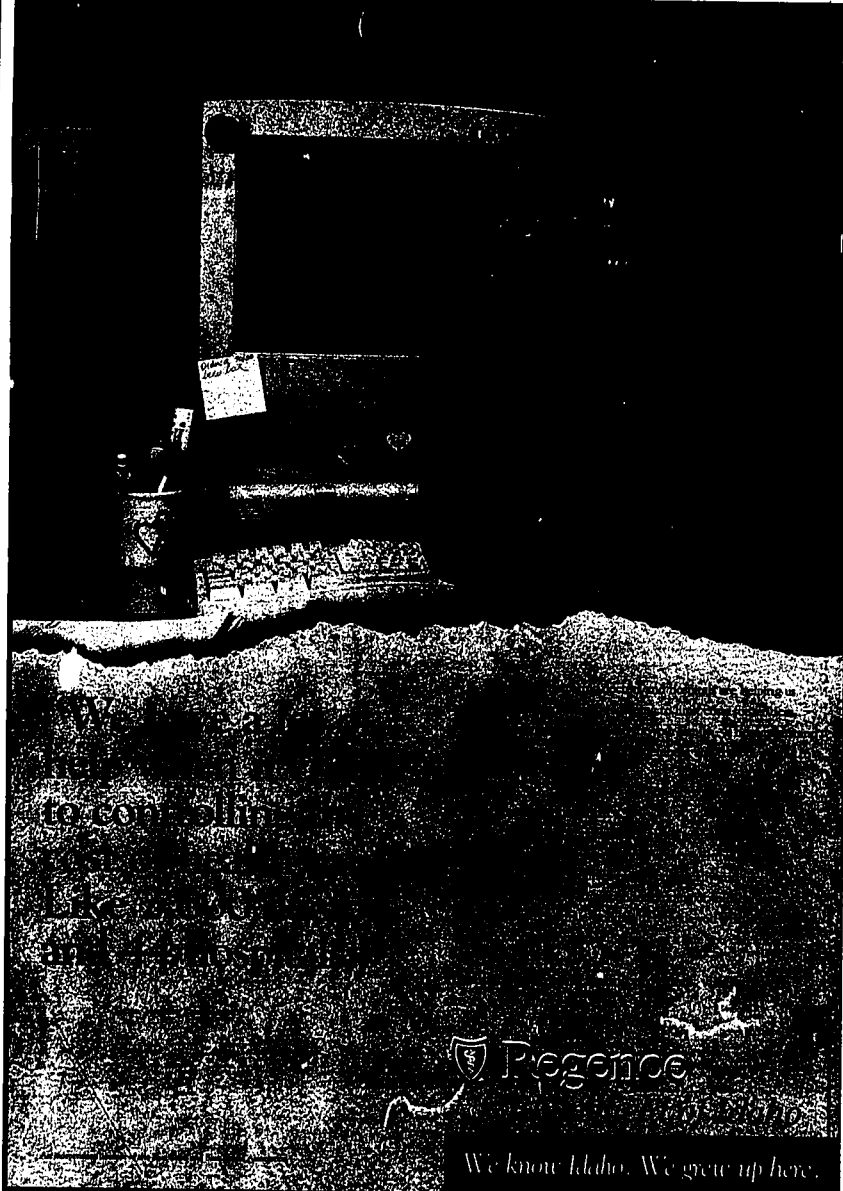
Jerome Chamber of Commerce holds home tour

JEROME - The Jerome Chamber of Commerce will hold its third annual traditional holiday home tour and auction Friday and Saturday.

Live entertainment, wine tasting and a live auction will be held from 5-9 p.m. Friday at El Sembrero restaurant. Christmas decorations, raffle and auction items went on display Nov. 25 at El Sembrero.

The home tour will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets are \$5 and may be purchased in Jerome at Arlene's Flowers, Farmers National Bank, Jerome Floral, Rosebud's Floral, Jerome Public Library and the Jerome Chamber. For more information, call the chamber at 324-2711.



Program shrinks photo files

By James Coates
Chicago Tribune

Q: My question is about the huge size of the photos that I am trying to send over the Internet. How I can fix things so the people who get them are not inconvenienced? I have a Kodak DC265 digital camera and am connected with America Online. Most often the recipient does not receive what I send. A few people occasionally tell me that the picture will come through so large that they can only see one head at a time and will need to scroll to see the picture piece by piece. I use Photoshop 5.0 LE. Do I need different software, hardware, or am I doing something wrong?

A: Tom Sheehy, Evanston
In Photoshop LE you've got the best deal going in picture tweaking, Mr. S. It's just that nobody bothered to show you the one set of commands you need to slim down those excellent high-resolution photos coming out of that high-tech Kodak.

Computer Q&A
Digital images are designed to create high-resolution graphics that can be processed professionally with the same quality as traditional color photographic film. It's called megapixel, and the images tend to be at least 1,000 pixels wide.

Such photos are huge compared with the resolution of a mere computer screen, which is why your friends say a single person's head fills the whole screen. So you need to reduce the amount of data these photos contain before sending them.

Photoshop LE, a slimmed-down version of Adobe's \$600 Photoshop 5.5, comes with many digital cameras and is sold for under \$100 on its own to allow us amateurs to adjust just this kind of stuff.

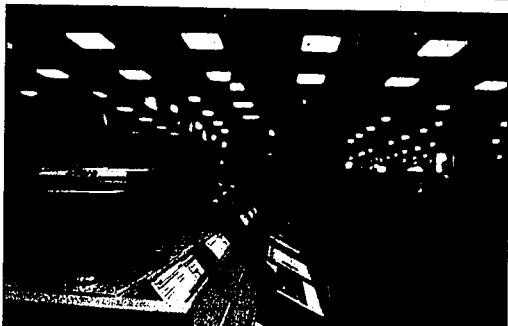
Look in the command bar at the top of Photoshop LE for a heading called Image and then those Image Size. This will bring up a box that lets you set the size that people can deal with, like 4 inches by 7 inches or some such. When done setting the image size, go to the File command at the top of the display and select Save As. In that command box, you can save the image either as a jpg or gif format, both compression schemes that will make your images nice and small. Be sure to use a Save As rather than a simple save to avoid spoiling the high-quality image that you are trying to copy into an e-mail-friendly format.

Q: I want to release America online and accept AT&T cable for my Internet connection. They access with MSN (Microsoft Network). Will I be able to receive immediate stock quotes and graphs with this connection? Would also like to know the daily bid and ask of individual stocks.

A: Adelaide Mayer
As bid or asked, you can have your cake and eat it too. MSN's list of all stock quotes are to Internet portals like America Online and the Microsoft Network as fish are to the sea—they're everywhere. MSN's MoneyCentral rivals such powerhouse stock terminals as the Bridge and Bloomberg systems with tremendous detail about stock quotes, stock trades, stock charts and all the rest. So you're more than covered there.

It's worth pointing out that in almost all cases, a user can change the site that gets called up in the Web browser when one first signs on using Internet service providers like AT&T. In fact, a key issue in approval for the pending merger between Time Warner and America Online has become demands from regulators that other providers be allowed to provide access to their starting page sites once the companies join together.

BANG FOR THE BUCK



A man looks at digital camcorders on display at a Circuit City store recently in New York. A consumer can now buy a digital video camera for \$1,000, spend a few thousand dollars more on a computer system and software and get better video-editing capability than what \$300,000 would have bought five years ago, according to Paul Worthington of Future Image Inc.

AP Photo

E-mail becomes medium for humor

By Paul Farhi
The Washington Post

Chances are you've never heard of Mike Collins, a 26-year-old civil engineer with the Elmira, N.Y., Water Board. By now, however, you've probably seen his contribution to the American electoral process.

The day after the presidential election, as the Florida results began their slide into confusion, Collins dashed off a little one-panel cartoon and e-mailed it to a few friends. "I thought it might be good for a little chuckle," he says.

Little did he know. Within hours, the "Official Florida Presidential Ballot" — showing a spaghetti-like tangle of lines and arrows designed to confuse everyone but George W. Bush's

supporters — was passing from computer to computer. Within a day, Collins was getting hate mail, congratulatory notes from as far away as Japan, even offers of dates, as his e-mail made its way to thousands, maybe millions, of strangers.

The near-instantaneous spread of Collins' work illustrates one of the startling dimensions of modern computer culture: It no longer takes a hit movie, TV show or best-selling book to lodge a joke or image in the national consciousness. With enough people-to-people power, even anonymous jokes and jokes can create instantly recognizable icons.

Never has this been more true than in the election's messy aftermath. A torrent of underground wit, if not always wisdom, has been flowing through the world's

computer networks. Like few news events before it, the post-election's twists and turns have inspired a buzzing electronic store of doctored photos, cartoons, jokes, song parodies and essays — the very stuff of folklore — commenting on the candidates and the process.

Although new types of software make it possible to count the number of first-time recipients of an e-mail, it's hard to know exactly how many people ultimately see one, says Paul Saffo, director of the Institute for the Future, a Silicon Valley think tank. That's because popular e-mails tend to get altered as they pass through generations of users. Typically, he says, a small, original group passes the message into ever-widening circles, sometimes multiple circles.

COMPUTER CAT



Maverick, a classic silver tabby American Shorthair cat, participates in a training demonstration with a prop computer and mouse recently at the Cat Fanciers' Association International Cat Show in Kansas City, Mo.

Internet calls get easier

By Jim Igo
The Dallas Morning News

The ability to make free long-distance telephone calls over the Internet isn't new, but U.S. Robotics puts all the necessary pieces together with its 56K Internet Call Modem package.

Setup is similar to that of other internal modems. By connecting a regular phone to the modem's phone port, however, you can use it to make free calls instead of a computer microphone connected to the sound card.

You'll want to read the manual carefully. Calls are placed using the included Net2Phone software while you're online. Net2Phone treats all calls as long-distance, so to make a call using the handset, you dial 1, the full number and another. Calls are free to any phone in the United States or Canada. International calls else-

Hardware review

where incur a small fee.

Even though call reliability is heavily dependent on the stability of your Windows 95 or 98 operating system and your Internet connection, I found the voice quality more than adequate with only a slight time delay. The Internet Call Modem also lets those with one phone line make calls and surf at the same time. On the other hand, I couldn't place calls consistently. Internet telephony saves money, but I'll keep my long-distance service for important calls.

The 599 Internet Call Modem is for computer users with dial-up Internet access. Dial 1-877-710-0884 or go to www.usr.com/products/home/p/home-menu.asp.

Spotlight turns on security

Thefts, viruses spread exponentially

Knight Ridder News Service

An epidemic of technology crime — everything from laptop thefts to attacks of database-killing viruses — is spreading almost as fast as technology itself. And it will only get worse with the growth of the Internet, the rising number of Web-enabled wireless devices such as Palm Pilots and cell phones, and the increased use of PCs.

About 90 percent of corporate and governmental agencies surveyed by the FBI and the San Francisco-based Computer Security Institute in March said they detected computer security breaches in the previous 12 months.

The number of laptop computer thefts hit 319,000 last year, up from 303,000 in 1998, according to insurance company Safeware Inc.

E-mail viruses are spreading. Anti-virus software company McAfee.com Corp., which tracks virus outbreaks worldwide on its Web site, estimates that more than 3.9 million files were infected by versions of the "Love Bug" virus in the past 30 days alone. That's substantially more than McAfee.com tracked during the first widely publicized outbreak of the virus in May.

What's driving the cybercrime

wave are the very things behind the evolution of today's technological age: the growing ubiquity of computer devices and the seemingly limitless expansion of the Internet.

"More people are becoming networked, more people are using the Internet to conduct business, and more companies are getting into e-commerce... but (security) is still woefully inadequate," said Patrice Rapalus, director of the Computer Security Institute — a group of information security executives. "Information security departments at most Fortune 1,000 companies are understaffed, underfunded, undertrained and they aren't paid any attention until something bad happens."

A recent survey by Forrester Research Inc. showed that businesses typically spend one-tenth of 1 percent of their annual revenues on information security. That's why they don't care about security, said Frank Prince, senior analyst at Forrester.

That's changing, however, with every virus outbreak, laptop theft and corporate computer firewall that's breached.

Forrester estimates companies will spend about \$5.6 billion on computer security this year and \$20 billion by 2004.

Computer expert urges good cookie hygiene

By John Westcott
Knight Ridder News Service

Cookies aren't the huge hazard they're barked up to be. On the other hand, you may want to remove them completely from your diet.

Your digital diet, of course. These cookies are tiny bits of code that Web sites deposit on your computer's hard drive as you're feasting on the riches of the Internet.

It helps a site recognize you when you return and can even lead sites to customize their Web page as it learns your likes and dislikes.

Gene Taudik, a computer scientist at University of California, Irvine, believes in "network hygiene," finding the crumbs of code and cleaning them off his hard drive.

He doesn't think anyone's going to somehow grab his credit card numbers, clean out his bank account or leave a virus. Cookies can't do that.

On the other hand, Web sites can sell your computer address to other sites, leaving you open to sales pitches. And it's an insidious invasion of privacy, another techno-intrusion that may not bother you.

"It's just good practice to cleanse your computer once in a while," Taudik said.

Kind of like brushing your teeth after eating the sweets. To cookie or not to cookie? A compromise may soon appear, Taudik said. Businesses may emerge as third parties, where Web sites can leave their little cookies without learning anything about you.

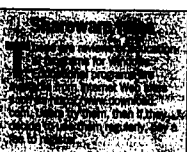
Just something to chew on.

Clicking your way back to nature

By Noah Matthews
Knight Ridder News Service

After spending several thousand dollars to have my house tented and repaired, I was intensely interested in learning more about termites. First, they are insects. True enough, but I did not expect them to be classified as social insects, along with wasps, ants and the like. But that was only one of many interesting things I learned about nature as I clicked my way through a CD for Windows called "Encyclopedia of Nature," which I found in the closet bin of a software store. More about that later.

And more to the point, after battling termites and other insects for years, I found myself fascinated by each species. A voiceover describes what each insect is all about. Then you get into where the insect lives, how it mates and how it manages to do such dam-



age to your house (just kidding). The habitat part is fascinating. You're taken to a desert for the reptile sequence, and just by clicking on each animal in the realistic panorama, you find out all you need to know to stay clear of that critter.

I wish I had this CD when I took

biology class eons ago. I'd like to say that this is just for school kids — for them it's an invaluable learning tool — but for an old timer such as myself, learning about coolie carnivores, and seeing animals in their natural habitat was like a trip to a natural history museum without having to hunt for a parking space.

"Encyclopedia of Nature" will work on any version of Windows. Don't let the fact that it's a few years old daunt you. The scarlet macaw hasn't changed a feather in all that time. This is the beauty of software closeouts. You get great deals on educational software that has passed its shelf life, but not its usefulness.

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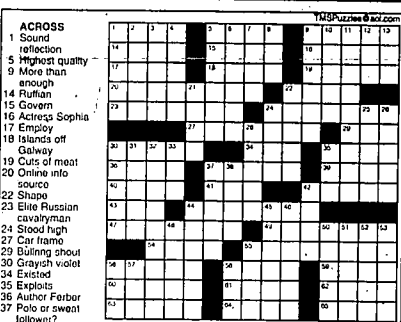
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MORNING BREAK



Monday's Puzzle Solvers

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2 Across	Curved moldings	38 Across	Shurpen
3 Across	Archimedes' exclamation	39 Across	Cackles
4 Across	Bind part	40 Across	Pud head gently
5 Across	8 X	41 Across	Roof material
6 Across	9 Permits	42 Across	55 "Lisa"
7 Across	10 Across Dami	43 Across	56 Mining product
8 Across	11 Garden blooms	44 Across	57 Roll of currency
9 Across	12 Actor Canor	45 Across	48 Smattering
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You have mites in your eyebrows

You, too, have mites in your eyebrows. Everywhere does. Q. Who were the first people on earth to write? A. Accountants - people who had to count things. Don't forget to tell everybody at lunch today that the human heart creates enough pressure to squirt blood 30 feet. In one out of five U.S. murders, the killer was once in love with the killed, or vice versa. So report the crime statistics. That's the most common kind of homicide in December. You have a credit card in your wallet and don't know exactly



WHAT'S
WHAT
L.M. Boyd

how big it is, correct? It measures 3 3/8ths by 2 1/8ths inches. Q. What color turns up most often in the Northern Lights? A. Pale green. The Greek, Aristotle, thought he was a member of the supreme race.

Proud memorial artists sign headstones

DEAR ABBY: My heart sank when I read the letter from "Daughter From Westfield, N.J.," who was obviously deeply hurt by the way the "monument designer" had signed her father's headstone.

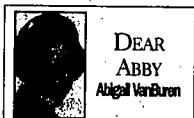
While I wholeheartedly support "Daughter's" right to remove the "metal business card," I would like to express the basis for this practice in the memorial industry.

I am a Certified Memorialist who takes great pride in what my staff of artists and I create for the families we serve.

We view the memorials we design, engrave and erect for public viewing as everlasting works of memorial art.

As all artists do, we want to sign our creations. I have seen this type of craftsman identification in many other areas, such as custom cabinets and furniture, public buildings and in many forms of art.

Many times in my 18-year career, I have sought to affirm this method by asking the family, "If you approve of our placing this identification on their memo-



DEAR
ABBY
Abby Varburton

rial, and I have never had a negative response.

Perhaps "Daughter" didn't see it from this perspective and viewed the monument designer as just a salesperson instead of a craftsman.

It is also possible that the "metal business card" that was used wasn't tasteful or discreet.

Whatever the case, I defend her right to remove it.

I just hope my letter helps her and your readers understand why my peers and I will continue to sign our works of memorial art.

—CERTIFIED MEMORIALIST
IN INDIANA

DEAR MEMORIALIST: Your letter is informative, and thank you for it.

However, I suspect the reason you receive such positive reaction when you ask grieving families if

they approve of your signing the gravestones is that you had the courtesy to ask.

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I am a caretaker at a cemetery. Those small metal tags on headstones are there for a reason.

They have the company name and telephone number on them. They are usually placed on the BACK of the stone in a very discreet spot.

They are not intended to be "advertising." They are most often used by caretakers.

If anything should happen to the stone, such as weather damage, vandalism, deterioration, whatever, we just have to look at the number on the back of the stone and call the company.

The daughter did a foolish thing when she removed the metal tag from her father's headstone.

Please correct this error before people run to their loved ones' headstones to remove the metal tag.

—BUSY CARETAKER
IN NORTHWEST IOWA

DEAR BUSY CARETAKER: I checked with the Funeral Consumers Alliance and was informed that those little metal tags are unacceptable unless displayed discreetly on the back of the headstone, rather than the front.

DEAR ABBY: "Britney," the boss's daughter (and my co-worker), lies, exaggerates and gossips about other workers on their days off.

I recently overheard her tell a new employee - in Spanish - how much she dislikes me. Britney isn't aware that I, too, speak Spanish fluently.

Abby, I feel very uncomfortable working with her.

I hesitate to say anything to her about this, because she will probably get mad and tell her mother. Should I keep quiet, or should I say something to Britney?

—TALKED ABOUT
IN WISCONSIN

DEAR TALKED ABOUT: Get your resume together. Then, by all means, say something to Britney - in Spanish.

Birthday today? You're creative and independent

HOROSCOPE
Sydney Omar

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 The Times-News in Twin
 Falls is looking for cor-
 responding writers. We
 need writers who can in-
 form readers in a clear
 and concise manner. We
 need writers who can
 keep up with the news in
 Glendale, Fort Bliss,
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 Idaho, Buhl, Castleton,
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 ton, Hollister, Wells and
 Elko. We need correspon-
 dents to cover govern-
 ment meetings and write
 stories about interesting
 things happening in their
 communities. We're look-
 ing for people with solid
 reporting skills, writing
 ability and a nose for
 news to turn out timely
 stories that are balanced,
 accurate and of interest to
 our readers. Those inter-
 ested should send a re-
 sume and writing sample
 to: Sandy Miller, Assistant
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Times News
Carriers
BUHL (6)

 THE TIMES-NEWS
 CURRENTLY HAS
 THE FOLLOWING
 INDEPENDENT
 NEWSPAPER
 ROUTES IN BUHL

ROUTE 801
 1500 Aspen St.
 1600 Cascade
 1600 Independence
 1800 Skyline Dr.
 1300-1400 Washington St

ROUTE 852
 700-800 Meadows Dr.
 700 Blk. Washington St.

ROUTE 850
 100-400 Borah West
 100-300 Wismar

ROUTE 872
 900 Blk. Blake St. North
 200-300 Blk. Elaine Ave.
 200-400 Blk. Falls Ave.
 100-400 Blk. Robbins
 Ave.
 700-800 Blk. Sparks St.

BURLEY

 The Times-News is
 currently looking for
 Independent Walking
 Routes Carriers in the
 BURLEY area.

ROUTE 402
 Park Ave - Burton Ave.
 West 21st - St. W. 16th

BURLEY

 The Times-News is
 currently looking for
 Independent Walking
 Routes Carriers in the
 BURLEY area.

ROUTE 492
 Park Ave - Orchard Ave.
 1st - 2nd St. W. 24th St

FILER (6)

 THE TIMES-NEWS
 IS CURRENTLY
 LOOKING FOR
 INDEPENDENT
 NEWSPAPER
 CARRIERS FOR
 THE FILER AREA.
 Walking Routes
 Available

ROUTE 551
 100-600 6th St.
 Rayburn Circle

ROUTE 553
 100 Blk. Davis
 200-600 North St.
 100 Blk. Ramsey

ROUTE 569
 Midway West
 1000 Blk. 5th St. West
 300-600 Golden Spur
 100-200 Sloop St.

ROUTE 592
 100-400 Adams

ROUTE 629
 100-400 Jefferson

ROUTE 830
 100-400 Madison Street

ROUTE 831
 200-400 Monroe Street

ROUTE 852
 700-800 Academic Dr.
 700-800 Campus Dr.
 300-800 Meadows Ln.
 200-800 Monroe
 200-800 Quincy
 100-200 University Ave.

Mini-Cassia
Motor Routes
 The Times-News is
 accepting applications
 for substitute Motor
 route carriers in the
 Mini-Cassia area. If
 you are interested
 in being an Independent
 Motor route carrier or
 substitute please
 stop by

THE TIMES-NEWS
CURRENTLY HAS
THE FOLLOWING
INDEPENDENT
NEWSPAPER
ROUTES ON THE
EAST SIDE OF
TWIN FALLS

ROUTE 716
 500-500 Butte Drive
 700 Blk. Eastland
 2200-2300 Filer E.
 500-700 Riverview
 2200 Blk Stadium

ROUTE 722
 2600-2800 5th Ave. E
 2800 Elizabeth Ave.
 900 Gallup Drive
 700-900 Hankins
 800-1100 Trotter Drive

ROUTE 729
 1100 Blk 4th Ave. E
 1100-1400 Blk 5th Ave.
 East
 100-1400 Blk 6th Ave.
 East
 100-600 Blk of Ash
 400-700 Blk of Blue
 Lakes

ROUTE 736
 Oakwood Court
 2100 Blk. Rusty Court
 400 Blk. Rusty Lane

ROUTE 746
 1800 Blk of 4th Ave E
 400-500 Blk of Madonna
 200-400 Morningside Dr
 400 Blk of Wakefield

ROUTE 752
 1300-1400 4th Ave. E
 100-400 Blk Elm St.
 100-500 Blk Locust
 100-400 Blk Walnut

ROUTE 792
 1600-1700 Blk of 2nd
 Ave. E
 1500-1700 Blk of 3rd
 Ave. E
 1500-1700 Blk 4th Ave.
 East
 1500 Blk Kimberly Rd.
 200-400 Blk Locust
 200-300 Blk Madonna

ROUTE 826
 100-400 Adams

ROUTE 829
 100-400 Jefferson

ROUTE 830
 100-400 Madison Street

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 some time ago in The Times-
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 come pick up your prize.
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RUPERT

 The Times-News is
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RUPERT
ROUTE 419
 8th St. - Canal
 Fl. - K. St.

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HOMES FOR SALE
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 Selling property? Don't pay
 any fees until you're sold. For
 free information about
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 ington, D.C. 20580, or call
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 may be cancelled
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 \$3,000/mo (realistic)
 20 Vending sites,
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 Call Today - 735-0892.

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513
ACREAGES & LOTS
BLISS
 Land investment
 opportunity. 1 group of 9
 undeveloped acres. 150
 ft. wide. Call 208-362-6201.
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 3 bdrm, 1 bath, large living
 room, view of
 Sawtooth Mountains.
 To tour home call:
 1-800-600-3203
 or call 208-362-6201.
 Motivated to sell!

JEROME Interstate of ice/warehouse complex is now leasing. Prices range from \$51,000 to \$39,408 or 324-2241.

TWIN FALLS - for sale 1500 sq. ft. professional brick building. Downtown area. 2 bathrooms, recreation area, kitchen area. Alarm system. Excellent phone system with many line capabilities. AC. Very low maintenance. Excellent \$225,000 down will carry \$60,000 @ 10%. Will consider lease. Realtor owned. Call 731-7451.

518 MOBILE HOMES

FLEETWOOD 1999, 26'x46', 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$28,900.

1998 Fleetwood 24'x40', 3 bdrm, 2 bath, \$19,900.

1997 Champion 16'x30', 2 bdrm, 2 bath, \$20,900.

1977 Sahara, 14'x26', 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$6,900.

1981 Champion 14'x40', 1 bdrm, 1 bath, \$9,900.

12 others in stock, delivery and pickup fees. Brockmeyer at Walmart in Jerome, 1-800-970-4330 or 324-6622.

HANSEN 1983, 14'x36', 2 bdrm, 1 bath, \$15,900.

HEYBURN 1974, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, living room, kitchen, W.D. \$3500, 436-5618.

HEYBURN 1974, 2 bdrm, 1 bath, living room, kitchen, W.D. \$3500, 436-5618.

520 REAL ESTATE WANTED

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ADD A HOME TO YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST

Singledw 3-bdrm, 2 bath, dining room, 1012 sq ft. Doublewide 3 bdrm, 2 ba, parents' retreat, 1483 sq ft. Kitchen, 1260 sq ft. Doublewide 3 bdrm, 2 ba, Wagon tub, 1706 sq ft. WestWind Homes 208-732-5710 or 1-888-310-9037.

602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES

BLISS, Lg. 3 bdrm. trailer in town, 300 4th Ave. S. 3375-dep. Call 734-0322.

E-Mail your classified ad to us at twinad@micron.net

THANKSGIVING HOMES FOR THANKSGIVING

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2 bdrm, family room, garden, \$10,000 worth of extras in this beautiful home for an unbelievable low price.

Now on the lot 3 bdrm, 2 bath, dining room, 1093 sq ft of beauty. Come into see these beautiful homes.

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Real Estate

601 FURNISHED HOUSES

JEROME 2 bdrm w/water, carpet, patio & appls. Nice neighborhood. No pets. Smoking. Soc. dep. & refs. required. Call 736-1997.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Brickendrick furnished home. Rent incl. all utilities. \$1900/mo. Call Kent or Cindy Collins at 733-5336 or 734-6104.

602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES

FILER 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, \$525-\$500 dep. Water, sewer, sanitatation, 710 Adell, May do Idaho Housing. Call 368/9774.

FILER, 5 bdrm, 3 bath country home, 5 miles NW of Twin Falls, \$695 mo. \$500 dep. No smoking. Call 733-6409.

GOODING - 1 & 2 bdrms, no smoking/pets. \$325-\$450 dep. 539-0805.

GOODING 2 bdrm. Fenced yard, 301 6th Ave. W. \$450 dep. Call 736-0322.

GERMANN Large 2 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath, 1000 sq ft. \$450 dep. Call 736-0322.

HANSEN 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath. No smoking/pets. \$425-\$450 dep. 420-1468.

HANSEN Nice 2 bdrm, mobile home. Appls. incl. storage, no pets 423-5104.

HAZELTON Nice 2 bdrm, elec. appls, carpet, fenced yard, 201 6th Ave. W. \$450 dep. Call 736-0322.

JEROME Extra nice, 3 bdrm, 2 bath, old, wide Good area. \$475/month. No pets, refs. 328-5877.

JEROME 2 bdrm in country, 1 bath mobile, \$395 dep. 324-3430, 420-1569.

JEROME Clean 2 bdrm in country, \$450 + dep. No pets. Refs. 324-5028.

KIMBERLY 4 bdrm house with garage, \$910.00. Call 733-7445, before 5 p.m.

TWIN FALLS Brand new 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick trailer with garage. \$1500/month. Includes lawn care & amenities. Call Kent or Cindy Collins at 733-5336 or 734-6104.

TWIN FALLS 3 bdrm, 1 bath home stove, refrig, W.D. replace Call Mickie Hallows Property Management 734-4334

TWIN FALLS 911 Woodward Dr., 3 bdrm, 2 bath, 1 car garage, Sawtooth & O'Leary mobile, \$725.00 per mo. plus dep. No smoking, no pets. Contact Walt 737-3939, Gem State Realty.

TWIN FALLS We have two nice affordable homes for rent. Vacant & ready for immediate occupancy. Rent to own. Option to own. Joie or Ruth & Remax 1st Realty 733-6563

TWIN FALLS 2 bdrm, 1 bath, 1012 sq ft. Call 733-5336 or 734-6104.

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SHOSHONE 3 bdrm, 1 bath, \$495/mo. dep. No pets. 886-7060.

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KIMBERLY 3 bdrm, apt. with garage, \$660.00. Call 733-7445 before 5 p.m.

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MORNING LINE

“Wherever I sign, I think I want to retire there.”
—Alex Rodriguez, who visited the Texas Rangers on Monday

TRIVIA
QUESTION:
Purdue's only Rose Bowl appearance was 1967 when the Boilermakers defeated USC, 14-13. What was unusual about Purdue playing?
.....answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
High school girls' basketball
ISDB at Bliss JV, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Richfield, 6 p.m.
Rafé River at Rockland, 6 p.m.
Jackpot at Oakley, 6 p.m.
Burley at Minico, 6 p.m.
Ketchum at Carey, 6 p.m.
Rimrock at Glenns Ferry, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Kimberly, 6 p.m.
Hansen at Shoshone, 6 p.m.
Dietrich at Camas, 7:30 p.m.
Wendell at Wood River, 7:30 p.m.
High school boys' basketball
Filer at Valley, 4:15 p.m.
Ketchum at MCVHS, 6 p.m.
Wendell at Hagerman, 6 p.m.
Jerome at Declo, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF
Minico's Bartolome signs with WSU

PULLMAN, Wash. — Minico's three-time All-Region III pitcher/outfielder Josh Bartolome has signed a baseball letter of intent to Washington State University.
Bartolome, 18, of Rupert, was also a member of the Pacific Northwest, Valley and Team Idaho all-star teams. His parents are Leroy Bartolome and Terry Maier.

Burley Lions Club sponsors youth league
BURLEY — The Burley Lions Club is holding registration for its fourth- and sixth-grade youth basketball leagues on Wednesday and Thursday from 5-7 p.m. inside the foyer at White Pine School.
Fees are \$15 or \$7.50 with a good used coat. Forms can be picked up at the Lions Club office or on the days that signups are being held. A parent's signature is required.

Milk campaign searches for top scholar athletes
The fourth annual Scholar-Athlete Milk Mustache of the year awards are searching for 25 high school seniors who represent both athletic and academic success.
Coaches, teachers, peers and even students themselves may submit nominations for high school seniors who participate in a high school sport during the 2000-2001 school year. Official nomination packages, which include an application and contest rules, are available on the Internet at www.whymilk.com.
Winners will represent 25 geographic regions in the United States and each will receive a \$750 scholarship.
Criteria for judging includes academic performance, athletic excellence, leadership skills and community service. The panel of judges will include Cal Ripken, Jr., Pete Sampras, Mike Hamm, Tony Hawk and Keri Warner. Entries must be postmarked on or before March 16, 2001, and received by March 28, 2001.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Purdue was the second-place team in the Big Ten. Because of a no-repeat clause at the time, undefeated Michigan State could not play.

PANTHERS PROWL



Carolina's Sean Gilbert sacks Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre in the third quarter of Monday night's game at Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.

Carolina stops Green Bay, 31-14

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Steve Beuerlein has felt personally responsible for several Carolina Panthers' losses this season. On Monday night, he was a major reason they won.

Beuerlein overcame two turnovers to pass for 243 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Panthers to a 31-14 victory over the Green Bay Packers.
Beuerlein, who only had 13

turnovers all of last season, came into the game with 19 this year. He'd also been sacked a league-high 45 times.
The poor numbers caused the 14-year veteran to take responsibility for several Carolina defeats, especially a 20-10 loss to New Orleans earlier this month when he sang up the half-five times.
Against the Packers (87), it looked like Beuerlein's turnovers would again hurt Carolina (5-7). He threw two first-quarter touchdown passes to put Carolina up 14-0, but negated those with a fumble and interception in the

second quarter that led to Green Bay touchdowns.
As Beuerlein dropped back to pass early in the second quarter, LeRoy Butler pushed the ball out of his hands directly into Nate Wayne's open arms. Green Bay scored 44 seconds later, when Ahmad Green ran 26 yards untouched into the end zone to make it 14-7.
Later, with Carolina on the Packers' 10-yard line, Beuerlein was picked off by Tyrone Williams, who returned it 46 yards. Five plays later, Brett Favre hit Donald Driver with a 32-yard touchdown pass that tied

it at 14 with 2:02 to play in the half.
Beuerlein finished 22-of-37 with two turnovers and two more sacks. But he came up big when it counted, and for the second year in a row hurt the Packers' bid for the playoffs.
Green Bay needed to win to keep their slim hopes alive. The Packers must now win out — against Chicago, Detroit, Minnesota and Tampa Bay — to have a chance at making the playoffs.
Favre passed for 267 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted three times.

After long drought, Flyers swoop into rankings

The Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — The last time the Dayton Flyers were ranked in The Associated Press poll, none of the current players had even been born.
Now the Flyers are the new kids on the block after upsetting two ranked teams last week in the Maui Invitational and capturing the next-to-last spot in this week's Top 25.

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appreciate some respect from basketball fans around the country.
“The only way to get that respect is to earn it,” Purnell said.
In the past several years, we’ve been in the process of earning that respect. This kind of validates it.”
Duke gained the No. 1 spot the poll. The Blue Devils (5-0), who

won the Preseason NIT, replaced Arizona, which lost to Purdue in the inaugural Wooden Tradition.
Dayton was last ranked in the final poll of the 1973-74 season. But last week it got renewed attention by knocking off Connecticut and Maryland in the Maui Invitational.
“It certainly is an honor anytime you’re recognized nationally. It’s a step forward,” Purnell said. “But it’s certainly the time of year you don’t want to dwell on rankings.”

When Purnell was hired six years ago, Dayton had won only 10 games in the previous two seasons and had not been to the NCAA tournament in four years. Purnell delivered a winning season in his second year, and last year produced an NCAA bid and the Flyers' best record — 22-9 — since 1967.
The Flyers have often played in the shadow of their neighbors to the south — Cincinnati and Xavier.

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Sonics lower boom on Westphal

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Paul Westphal was fired Monday as coach of the struggling Seattle SuperSonics after disagreements with some of his star players.

The SuperSonics were expected to be a power this season with the acquisition of Patrick Ewing, but the team is 6-9 and looking like a contender.
The dismissal comes days after an on-court shouting match between Westphal and guard Gary Payton during a game in Dallas.
Nate McMillan, an assistant under Westphal and well liked by the players, was made interim head coach. McMillan, a former Seattle guard, coaches his first game tonight at Portland.
Westphal, in his third year with the team, is the first NBA coach to be fired this season. He was in the final year of his contract.

“The Sonics are a much better team than their current record,” team owner Barry Acklesley said. “We are committed to helping this team achieve its true potential this year as the Sonics have some of the best talent in the NBA.”
“Paul Westphal is a good person and a fine coach. But we felt



Seattle coach Paul Westphal points to the bench during a game on Nov. 1. He was fired as coach of the struggling SuperSonics after disagreements with some of his star players.

that a change was necessary to help the Sonics achieve their goals for the season.”
Acklesley said team president and general manager Wally Walker made the decision to fire Westphal. Westphal thanked

Acklesley for hiring him.
“They have been great people for whom to work,” he said. “I would also like to thank Wally Walker, my staff and the players who gave it their all.”

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USC fires football coach Paul Hackett

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Paul Hackett was fired as Southern California's coach Monday after three seasons of mediocrity at a school that has won eight national championships.

The dismissal came two days after the Trojans completed their first losing season since 1991 and just their third in the last 39 years.
“Paul’s a very nice human being, someone I thought was a great leader for our kids,” athletic director Mike Garrett said at a news conference in his office.
Hackett, the fourth USC coach to be fired since 1986, had two years remaining on the five-year contract he signed in 1997 to succeed John Robinson. It’s believed Hackett, an assistant under Robinson at USC from 1976-80, is being paid a buyout estimated at \$800,000.
The Trojans had a 19-18 record under the 53-year-old Hackett, including 5-7 this season.
“For someone who’s given three years of his life and for the last six months hasn’t slept or eaten, I’m very disappointed,” Hackett said. “I’m disappointed.”

we don’t get a chance to continue this and complete this, I felt things were headed in the right direction.”

Garrett, who won the Heisman Trophy as a running back at USC in 1965, said he didn’t make the decision solely on the Trojans’ record.
“Kids weren’t progressing, weren’t developing,” he said. “When we don’t beat people, it’s painful.”

Garrett said a search for Hackett’s successor would begin immediately.
Garrett would identify potential candidates, but responded favorably when three names were mentioned — Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson, Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez, and Mike Riley, a former USC assistant now coaching the San Diego Chargers.
“Right now, I’m looking for the best coach,” Garrett said. “He could be in Cucamonga, I would go see him. I’m not excluding anyone.”



Paul Hackett

SPORTS

Sampras eyes gains at Masters Cup

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Pete Sampras is back, looking relaxed and feeling good about taking on the game's top players after more than two months away from tennis.

And he's not concerned about the No. 1 ranking, which was destined for Marat Safin, the 20-year-old Russian who was at least partly responsible for Sampras' long break.

"I feel just as good coming in as I did last year," Sampras said. Since his three-set drubbing by Safin in the U.S. Open final, Sampras took time off to get married and "have the time of my life."

Now Sampras feels ready to challenge again for the Masters Cup title he's already won five times — a record shared with Ivan Lendl.

The season-ending tournament begins today and features the top eight players. It was formerly known as the Masters, then became the ATP Tour World Championship when it moved to Germany in New York.

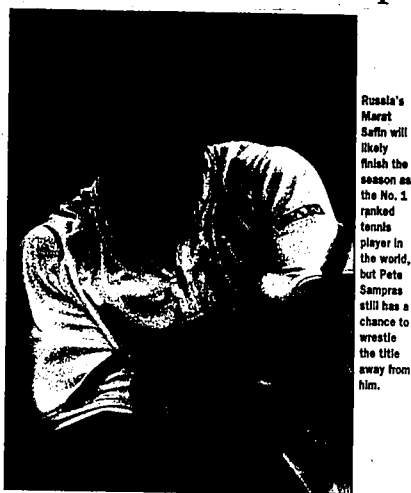
The field is divided into two groups for a round-robin format, with the top two from each group advancing to the semifinals. That means a round-robin defeat may not be fatal.

Sampras and Safin were drawn into the Red Group of the \$3.7 million tournament, along with Lleyton Hewitt and Alex Corretja, the 1998 champion.

Gustavo Kuerten, Andre Agassi, Magnus Norman and Yevgeny Kafelnikov make up the Green Group.

Safin kicked off the tournament against Corretja, Sampras then plays Hewitt and Agassi plays Kuerten in the late match today.

What is unlikely to happen, however, is Sampras finishing



Russell's Marat Safin will likely finish the season as the No. 1 ranked tennis player in the world, but Pete Sampras still has a chance to wrestle the title away from him.

the year at No. 1. Safin has a commanding 75-point lead over Kuerten in the Champions Race that will produce the new No. 1.

Sampras is third but must go undefeated and rely on Safin not winning a single match and Kuerten not reaching the final. An appearance in the final — no matter how well everyone else performs — will be enough to secure Safin the No. 1 spot.

He would become the youngest player to finish the year at No. 1 and the first non-

American since Sweden's Stefan Edberg in 1991.

Sampras has won only two titles this year, but one was his seventh Wimbledon, which finally gave him a record 13 Grand Slam victories.

Safin leads the tour with seven titles — and 71 match wins — this year. Sampras thinks the Russian is deserving of the top spot.

"He's played a lot and he's been a lot more consistent than I have," Sampras said.

Bucks drop Magic behind Allen's 23

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Ray Allen scored 21 points and Glenn Robinson added 21 as Milwaukee snapped a four-game losing streak.

Tim Thomas scored 18 and Sam Cassell had 15 for Milwaukee. Robinson, who missed two games because of the flu, added eight rebounds and a season-high four blocked shots in 34 minutes.

Rookie Mike Miller, playing in place of the injured Tracy McGrady, had 20 points on 6-of-17 shooting. Darrell Armstrong shot 5-for-17 and had 16 points.

Orlando was led by Pat Garrity, who had a season-high 21 points.

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Knicks 97, Grizzlies 72

NEW YORK — Glen Rice moved into the starting lineup

and rediscovered his shooting stroke Monday night, making five 3-pointers and scoring 23 points as the New York Knicks defeated the Vancouver Grizzlies 97-72.

Allan Houston added 22 points and Latrell Sprewell had 18 for New York. Marcus Camby grabbed 14 rebounds as the Knicks snapped a two-game losing streak.

Mike Bibby's 17 points led Vancouver.

Blackhawks top Red Wings in OT

DETROIT (AP) — Steve Sullivan scored with 27 seconds remaining in overtime as Chicago improved to 4-0-1 in its past five games in NHL.

Eric Daze scored two goals for Chicago.

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McDonald, Valeri Zelenchuk and Tony Amonte also scored for the Blackhawks.

Todd Gill, Nicklas Lidstrom, Tomas Holmstrom, Vyacheslav Kozlov and Kirk Maltby scored for Detroit.



Detroit's Vyacheslav Kozlov scores on Jocelyn Thibault of the Blackhawks in the second period Monday. The Blackhawks won in overtime 6-5.

Donald Audette and Andrew Brunette scored for the Thrashers, who lost for the fifth time in six games.

Islanders 7, Lightning 4

UNIONDALE, N.Y. — Taylor Pyatt scored his first NHL goal and six other Islanders scored as New York snapped an eight-game losing streak.

Dave Scatchard had a goal and an assist. Roman Hamrlik, Claude Lapointe, Kevin Haller, Oleg Kuvshinov and Mark Parrish also scored for New York. Tim Connolly chipped in with three assists, while Lapointe had two.

John Vanbiesbrouck started in goal and stopped four shots, but left after the first period with a strained back. Wade Flaherty picked up the win by stopping 15 shots.

SCORES AND STATS

BASKETBALL

NBA Standings

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At the top of the Atlantic Conference, the New York Knicks lead with a 12-1 record. The Philadelphia 76ers are second with a 10-3 record. The Boston Celtics are third with a 9-4 record. The Washington Wizards are fourth with a 7-6 record. The Orlando Magic are fifth with a 6-7 record. The Miami Heat are sixth with a 5-8 record. The Charlotte Hornets are seventh with a 4-9 record. The Atlanta Hawks are eighth with a 3-10 record.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

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CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The Chicago Bulls lead the Central Conference with a 12-1 record. The Indiana Pacers are second with a 10-3 record. The Milwaukee Bucks are third with a 9-4 record. The Cleveland Cavaliers are fourth with a 7-6 record. The Detroit Pistons are fifth with a 6-7 record. The Memphis Grizzlies are sixth with a 5-8 record. The New Orleans Hornets are seventh with a 4-9 record. The Houston Rockets are eighth with a 3-10 record.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

GE says division boss to succeed chairman

HARTFORD, Conn. — General Electric Co., capping a closely watched corporate succession drama, named medical systems division boss Jeffrey R. Immelt to replace retiring John F. Welch Jr. when he steps down next year.

Immelt, 44, was one of three top GE executives who were believed to be potential successors to Welch, a business legend who has been at the helm of the industrial and broadcasting powerhouse since 1981.

Company spokesman Gary Sheffer said Monday that Immelt, who has been with GE for 18 years, will immediately become president and chairman-elect, working closely with Welch until the transition is complete next year.

Immelt has been president of GE Medical Systems, a \$7 billion segment of the General Electric, since 1997. The division, based in Waukesha, Wis., is a world leader in medical diagnostic technology and information systems.

Online sales rise to 8 percent of all retail sales
WASHINGTON — Retail sales conducted over the Internet were worth \$5.37 billion in the third quarter, 15.3 percent more than in second quarter, the U.S. Department of Commerce said Monday.

Online sales in the quarter represented 0.8 percent of total U.S. retail sales of \$812.008 billion, the previous quarter, Internet sales were 0.7 percent of all retail sales.

This is only the fourth time the government has attempted to tabulate online shopping as a percentage of retail sales. The government does not take into account inflation or seasonal factors.

Online retail sales totaled \$5.53 billion in the second quarter.

Big promotions bring flood of buyers on 'Black Friday'

CHICAGO — One in four Americans trooped to malls the day after Thanksgiving, giving retailers nearly 10 percent more customers than last year, but analysts say shoppers paid for the busy start to the holiday shopping season by cutting prices more than usual.

The National Retail Federation said 67.6 million people visited malls Nov. 24, 9.7 percent more than in 1999.

"Consumers were out in droves," Lehman Brothers analyst Alan Rifkin said. "However, I believe that they were clearly out there as a result of retailers being very, very promotional."

Challenged by slowing consumer spending, retailers nationwide are banking on a combination of discounts and intense advertising to lure shoppers into stores this holiday season. The day after Thanksgiving, known as "Black Friday," is an early and vital gauge of consumer holiday enthusiasm.

Every year, retailers plan a certain amount of seasonal discounts and promotions, analysts say, and so holiday mark-downs are not expected to reduce profit margins. If they need further discounting and advertising to bring in holiday business, that could hurt earnings.

The promotions appear to be working. Wal-Mart said it had \$1.1 billion in sales at its domestic stores on Black Friday. Sales at store open at least a year increased by percentages in the upper mid-single-digit range. The best-selling items, the company said, included home electronics and toys.

Consumer traffic also picked up at mall-based department stores on the day after Thanksgiving. The National Retail Federation said 1.1 million shoppers visited department stores this year — 8.2 percent more than last year.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. said at most of its locations, leather coats and Poo-Chi interactive dogs, both offered at a 50 percent discount, sold out before noon. A spokesman said early indications pointed to a good season for the company.

Analysts expect total retail sales growth to slow to about 3 to 4 percent from 7 percent last year, but they say growth will be even weaker in the department store group.

Compiled from wire reports

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Restaurateurs don't always recruit at local roller-skating rinks. But these will.

A trio of Oklahoma business people Monday announced plans to bring a Sonic Drive-In restaurant, featuring carhops and made-to-order fast food, to the Magic Valley.

The Oklahoma City-based chain said it awarded a three-year restaurant area development agreement to new franchise partners John and Nancy Martin and Bob House, all of Enid, Okla., who will open their first Sonic Drive-In, at 2392 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, by mid-April.

"Sonic's tremendous growth in recent years drew our interest," John Martin said. "Sonic clearly

About Sonic Corp.

Profile: Sonic Corp. says it franchises and operates the largest chain of drive-in restaurants in the United States. It started as a hamburger and root beer stand in 1953 in Shawnee, Okla., and has grown to more than 2,200 drive-ins in 27 states.

Expansion program: In fiscal 2000, Sonic opened 174 restaurants to end the year with a total of 2,175 drive-in restaurants, including 1,863 franchised restaurants and 312 company stores. That marked the third consecutive year in which new-store development exceeded 270 drive-ins, with a strategy that relies more heavily on growth in Sonic's franchise side.

Sales trends: Same-store sales rose 3 percent in fiscal 2000, capping 14 years of same-store sales expansion. Average unit volume rose 3.8 percent last year. Higher average unit volumes have dramatically affected Sonic's income due to ascending royalty rates.

has a product and concept that serves a niche in the fast-food industry."

The chain's drive-ins offer

Financial performance: Sonic's revenues increased at a compound annual rate of 18 percent to \$280 million during the five-year period that ended Aug. 31. Net income per share during that time rose at a compound annual rate of 20 percent to \$1.75 per diluted share.

Company stock: It trades on the Nasdaq market under the symbol SONIC.

Franchise fees: The term of a Sonic franchise is 20 years, with a \$30,000 franchise fee, initial investment ranges from \$245,000 to \$325,000, excluding land, site work and building costs. Minimum financial requirements are \$1 million net worth, with \$300,000 in liquid assets. Royalty fees are from 1 to 5 percent; the advertising fee is 4 percent.

Sources: Sonic Corp. and company Internet site at www.sonicdriveins.com

and fountain items such as cherry limeades, banana splits, slushes and soft-serve desserts.

Typically, Sonic Corp. said, the

customer drives into a covered parking space and orders made-to-order food through an intercom speaker. The order is delivered by a carhop, usually within four minutes.

Franchisees, by far, serve most of the food. And the company is expanding its area of operations.

"The Idaho territory literally just opened up," John Martin said in a telephone interview Monday.

He said a different franchise holder is building Boise's first Sonic; another plans drive-ins in Nampa, Caldwell and Meridian; yet another will open restaurants in Idaho Falls, Pocatello and perhaps Blackfoot.

He and House toured southern Idaho in early January and picked the Magic Valley as their piece of the pie. Twin Falls is an

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Western business



Hal Turner stands next to one of the suits his company rents at his store in Hayward, Calif., Monday. Selix Formalwear started renting suits a year ago, adding to its existing tuxedo-rental business. Suit rentals now represent 10 percent of the company's business.

Style for rent

Rental suits gain popularity in times of T-shirts

OAKLAND, Calif. — In today's offices, where people come to work wearing T-shirts and flip-flops, the pinstriped suit seems to have gone the way of the dodo bird for all but the most traditional of jobs.

There still are occasions when society calls for a man to wear a traditional suit, such as weddings, funerals and job interviews. But it's easy to wonder: What sense does it make to spend \$500 or more on a new suit if you're only going to wear it once or twice a year?

That's where Selix Formalwear comes in. The Hayward, Calif.-based company started renting suits a year ago, adding to its existing tuxedo-rental business. Suit

rentals now represent 10 percent of the company's business, said Hal Turner, president of Dick Bruhn Inc., the company that owns Selix. They could grow to 30 percent of the business within three years, he said. Rentals cost from \$49 to \$89 for three days. Included with the rental is a white shirt and a tie.

Turner said he noticed about five years ago that the nationwide trend towards a more casual style of dress at work was affecting suit sales at the company's Dick Bruhn men's clothing stores in the Salinas and Monterey areas.

"You see the president of Microsoft come out in a pair of Dockers and a Levi's shirt," Turner said. "It's a no-brainer what's going on."

Nationwide sales of tailored men's clothing, including suits, sportcoats and tuxedos, fell from about \$5 billion in 1994 to about \$4.5 billion in 1999, said Peter Simon, vice president of the NPD Group, a market research firm in Port Washington, N.Y.

"It's a gradually declining market, but it's not falling off the face of the earth," he said.

Selix rents two kinds of suits: basic black and gray pinstripe. While they probably wouldn't fit the tastes of a super-sharp dresser such as San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, they are made of a high quality fabric by a variety of manufacturers, Turner said. They need to be made with good stitching and fabric because they are rented out to up to 60 times and dry-cleaned every time, he said.

The company also rents sportcoats in navy, houndstooth and black cashmere. The cashmere coat has been particularly popular with the Silicon Valley crowd.

"It's the Cadillac," Turner said. "It's everybody's dream to own a \$600 cashmere coat. Now they can rent it."

The company rented about 900 suits from its 20 stores in Northern California last November and December and 3,000 during the first 10 months of this year, Turner

said. The company is expanding the suit rental business to 250 locations in the West that are contracted to rent Selix tuxedos.

Despite the business' success, Turner said he has no competition so far. He said he believes competitors think renting suits would "lower their image."

Selix, which was founded in San Francisco in 1966, actually started out renting suits and later switched to renting tuxedos. It was acquired by Dick Bruhn Inc. in 1980.

Now, the company has about 450 employees, 250 of whom work for Selix and 200 work for the company's other two stores: the Dick Bruhn stores and Butler's Uniforms, which sells police uniforms and uniforms for the security, post office and restaurant industries.

At Selix's underground warehouse in Hayward, there are 22,000 coats, 66,000 trousers, 66,000 shirts and 50,000 vests. The company does its own dry-cleaning in giant

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Federated stores' sales percentage disappoints

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — May Department Stores Inc.'s sales in November beat Wall Street estimates, but Federated Department Stores' sales for the month disappointed.

J.C. Penney Co., meanwhile, said sales at its department stores through the fourth week of November were "tracking above expectations."

Federated Department Stores — which has a Bon Marche store in the Magic Valley Mall — reported Monday that same-store sales were up 1.4 percent. Analysts were expecting about 3 percent.

For the four-week period ended Nov. 25, total sales increased 1.4 percent to reach \$1.69 billion.

For the first 43 weeks of the year, Federated's sales totaled \$14 billion, an increase of 4.3 percent from \$13.43 billion in the year-ago period. On a same-store basis, Federated's year-to-date sales were up 2.2 percent.

"We were disappointed with November sales in our department stores, although a strengthening in sales over the Thanksgiving weekend was encouraging," said James M. Zimmerman, chairman and chief executive officer. He added that he maintains his forecast of a same-store sales increase of 3 percent in December.

Penney said Monday that sales during the Thanksgiving period, Wednesday through Saturday, were "strong," showing high single-digit same-store sales gains.

As a result, the retailer said in a pre-recorded announcement it expects to show slight gains for the month. Penney — which has department stores in Twin Falls and Burley — had expected sales at its department stores to show a decrease in the low-to-mid single digits.

Penney's catalog sales also are on pace to exceed expectations, the company said. It had forecast that business would be down in the mid-single digits.

The company also noted that its drugstores should register a single-digit same-store sales decline, which is in line with expectations.

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Salvation Army rings in another holiday season

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Salvation Army bell ringers on Friday took up their annual posts in America's malls of plenty. The ubiquitous jingling rings in the only season when many people think of the 135-year-old charity. Unless they are donating old coats.

Or their lives fall apart.

The global group — with a thrift store and church office in Twin Falls — that helped more than 33 million people across the land last year has quietly become America's leading recipient of private donations. For the eighth consecutive year, the quasi-military Salvation Army outtrunked every other charity in the nation in 1999, pulling in \$1.4 billion in fundraising, according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy.

In fact, it garnered twice as much as the second-largest donation-generating charity, the YMCA of the USA.

The survey doesn't include cushioning life's blows.

At core an evangelical church, the Salvation Army approaches charity with tenacious zeal and is both old and new world. Salvationists are equipped with cell phones and laptops. Soldiers' wear uniforms, play in brass bands and recite old-fashioned mottoes: "Heart to

God. Hand to man." Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith learned to play football at a Salvation Army youth program in Pensacola, Fla. Julius Erving, basketball's "Dr. J," played his first organized game at a youth center in Hempstead, N.Y.

"It has somehow worked its way into the warp and woof of the American conscience," observed Larry Eskridge, associate director of the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals at Wheaton College near Chicago. "There has never been any whiff of major scandal."

There is a general sense among a lot of people that dumping \$10 in a Salvation Army bucket is bet-

ter than giving \$100 to the United States government."

Management guru Peter Drucker, founder of the Drucker Foundation for Nonprofit Management, has called the Salvation Army "the most effective organization in the United States." About 85 cents on every donated dollar goes to services. Less than 5 percent of income goes toward fundraising, which is the responsibility of each local region. In fact, the Salvation Army does not spend a penny on national advertising.

The Army, though, was not well received after arriving in the United States from England in 1880. The organization, found-

ed by William and Catherine Booth in 1865 as a ministry to London's poor, was considered radical. Women were given equal leadership roles, and its loud evangelism — soldiers paraded through cities with brass bands and banners — was deemed impertinent. "Anyone who joins the Salvation Army may as well kiss their respectability goodbye," intoned a New York Times editorial in the 1880s.

They were counterculture, said Diane Winston, author of the 1999 book "Red Hot and Righteous: The Urban Religion

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CLOSING FUTURES

Commodity	High	Low	Change	Open
Mar Corn	102.50	102.40	+0.10	102.50
Dec Corn	102.50	102.40	+0.10	102.50
Mar Soybean	85.00	84.90	+0.10	85.00
Dec Soybean	85.00	84.90	+0.10	85.00
Mar Soybean Oil	18.00	17.90	+0.10	18.00
Dec Soybean Oil	18.00	17.90	+0.10	18.00
Mar Wheat	10.00	9.90	+0.10	10.00
Dec Wheat	10.00	9.90	+0.10	10.00
Mar Live Cattle	75.00	74.90	+0.10	75.00
Dec Live Cattle	75.00	74.90	+0.10	75.00
Mar Hogs	60.00	59.90	+0.10	60.00
Dec Hogs	60.00	59.90	+0.10	60.00
Mar Pork Cuts	10.00	9.90	+0.10	10.00
Dec Pork Cuts	10.00	9.90	+0.10	10.00
Mar Lumber	100.00	99.90	+0.10	100.00
Dec Lumber	100.00	99.90	+0.10	100.00
Mar Natural Gas	1.00	0.99	+0.01	1.00
Dec Natural Gas	1.00	0.99	+0.01	1.00
Mar Heating Oil	1.00	0.99	+0.01	1.00
Dec Heating Oil	1.00	0.99	+0.01	1.00
Mar Gasoline	1.00	0.99	+0.01	1.00
Dec Gasoline	1.00	0.99	+0.01	1.00
Mar Gold	100.00	99.90	+0.10	100.00
Dec Gold	100.00	99.90	+0.10	100.00
Mar Silver	10.00	9.90	+0.10	10.00
Dec Silver	10.00	9.90	+0.10	10.00
Mar Platinum	100.00	99.90	+0.10	100.00
Dec Platinum	100.00	99.90	+0.10	100.00
Mar Palladium	100.00	99.90	+0.10	100.00
Dec Palladium	100.00	99.90	+0.10	100.00

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